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Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu (second from right) and his wife Sara (right) at the statue of the late Norwegian King Olav V in Holmenkollen, Norway yesterday. (AP)

Lebanon, Syria reject Israeli pullout plan

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and news agencies

Syria and Lebanon yesterday rejected Israel's initiative for a withdrawal of IDF troops from south Lebanon, Radio Beirut announced last night.

The statement, which followed a meeting between Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and Syrian Vice President Abdel Halim Khadam in Damascus, said they would not accept anything less than Israel's withdrawal from both south Lebanon and the Golan Heights.

They said in both cases UN Security Council Resolution 425 stipulates an unconditional Israeli pullout and is not negotiable.

Support for their position also came from Russia, whose Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov told his Syrian counterpart Farouk Shara that he backs parallel Israeli pullbacks from south Lebanon and the Golan Heights, a Syrian official said.

He said Primakov's views were contained in a message conveyed to Shara by Russian Ambassador to Damascus Viktor Gogitidze during a meeting yesterday.

"Mr. Primakov expressed his country's belief that any attempt to separate the Syrian and Lebanese tracks [in peace negotiations] will fail," the official said. "He [Primakov] affirmed that the only realistic way is to have a parallel Israeli pullback from south Lebanon and the Golan in compliance with what was reached during talks between the Syrian and Israeli sides in the previous negotiations," he added.

Visiting Oslo, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu reiterated Israel's willingness to withdraw from southern Lebanon if the Lebanese army can ensure the dismantling of Hizbullah.

Deputy Prime Minister Moshe Katsav said last night that "if Lebanon would maintain quiet on its border with Israel, as Syria does, Israel would leave Lebanon."

Israel "can envisage a redeployment of troops from Lebanon, but only without the threat of terrorism along the border," Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai told a news conference at the French Foreign Ministry in Paris on Friday.

Coming out of a 45-minute meeting with Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine, Mordechai also said Israel hoped to reestablish dialogue with Syria, which virtually controls Lebanese affairs.

Mordechai, who also met Friday with French Defense Minister Alain Richard, said Israel seeks three objectives before carrying out the UN resolution calling for an Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon: the "sovereignty of the Lebanese people" – alluding to the Syrian influence – peace on both sides of the border, and elimination of the terrorist threat.

"If they can guarantee peace and security, we can retreat," he told journalists, referring to Lebanon and Syria. "If not, we have to assure our security by continuing to fight in southern Lebanon."

French officials said Vedrine pledged to help facilitate contacts among all parties, but gave no details. Mordechai, who said he was "very pleased" with his talks with Vedrine, said the two ministers had also discussed options for peace with him, but also gave no details.

Analysts in Paris said Mordechai wanted to speak to the French, because Paris is on record as saying it is prepared to provide security guarantees between Israel and Lebanon. Defense Ministry officials pointed out that French troops are in the area as part of the United Nations UNIFIL force.

Mordechai said the French showed interest.

"I hope it advances things, but we shouldn't have any illusions. We will need to deal with the problem of south Lebanon for a long time," he said in an interview with Channel 2.

"I have the impression that they [the French] are interested and they want to learn the interpretations and significance of 425."

Mordechai also reiterated his call to Syria to renew peace negotiations, and said the current efforts to come to an arrangement with Lebanon are not an attempt to write Syria out of the picture.

"The efforts being made regarding Lebanon do not come to bypass Damascus, but to pave the way [to] discussions with Damascus by finding cooperative solutions in Lebanon," Mordechai said. "I am completely convinced that that if we come to a solution regarding Lebanon, then it will advance the process with the Syrians."

In an interview with Channel 1, Mordechai said that, despite the energized efforts to seek a political deal to withdraw from Lebanon, the IDF would not pause in its war against Hizbullah.

"[France] has an influence on events in Lebanon. I think it is our responsibility to find a process, but at the same time maintain our right to fight in south Lebanon, where we are needed to defend northern Israel," Mordechai said.

Netanyahu calls for a meeting with Arafat

Says he doesn't want to dump Oslo Accords

By JAY BUSHINSKY and DOUGLAS DAVIS

If the government had wanted to abandon the Oslo process, it would have had dozens of opportunities to do so, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said in Oslo last night.

"It is not useful to talk about the death of the peace process or to foster an attitude of gloom," Netanyahu told a joint press conference with Prime Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik.

"If my government wanted to get rid of Oslo, we would have had dozens of opportunities. We have had dozens of terrorist attacks, including many under my government," he said.

"I think what we need to do is implement Oslo and the way is to implement the interim agreement so that we can get on to the final settlement."

Netanyahu also called for a meeting with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, contending that this would be the best way to give the peace process new impetus.

"Arafat and the PA must understand that no one will do the work for them – not the Americans, not the Europeans and not the Arab League," Netanyahu said after a meeting with Bondevik.

"The way to [make peace] is through direct negotiations. This is what I have been telling European leaders."

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The Europeans are in a position to be helpful with regard to nailing down an agreement on the projected industrial zone at Karni adjacent to the Gaza Strip and the airport at Dahaniya, he went on.

They also can assist in implementing the interim agreement insofar as the IDF redeployment, fulfillment of security commitments and revival of the multilateral committees are concerned, he said.

Netanyahu stressed it would be impossible to settle these issues without direct talks with Arafat.

Netanyahu also made this point to Spain's Prime Minister Jose Maria Anzar and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl during visits to Madrid and Bonn last week.

Netanyahu was especially enthusiastic about the role Kohl is willing to play in advancing the peace process. The chancellor is prepared to tell Europe's leaders that a meeting with Arafat is essential, he said.

Kohl also was credited with being able to convince Russian President Boris Yeltsin that Moscow should not be supplying ballistic missile technology and expertise to Iran.

The prime minister contended that there is no substitute for "eye-level" discussions with European leaders, which will culminate in today's session in London with his British counterpart, Tony Blair.

He said these leaders are not necessarily receiving an accurate assessment of the situation from their respective ambassadors or the news media.

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Italian court upholds Priebke's conviction

ROME (AP) – A military appeals court yesterday upheld the conviction of ex-SS captain Erich Priebke for war crimes in Italy and sentenced him to life in prison – two months before he would have gone free.

But prosecutors said that Priebke, 85, convicted of helping carry out the massacre of 335 civilians in German-occupied Rome in 1944, will stay under house arrest because of frail health.

The five-man panel also convicted former SS Maj. Karl Hass, also 85, of helping to carry out the massacre near the Ardeatine Caves.

Both defense teams said they would appeal.

The executions were ordered to retaliate for a bombing by resistance fighters that killed 33 occupation soldiers.

"The Ardeatine Caves dead can now rest in peace," said spectator Rosina Stame, whose father was one of the victims.

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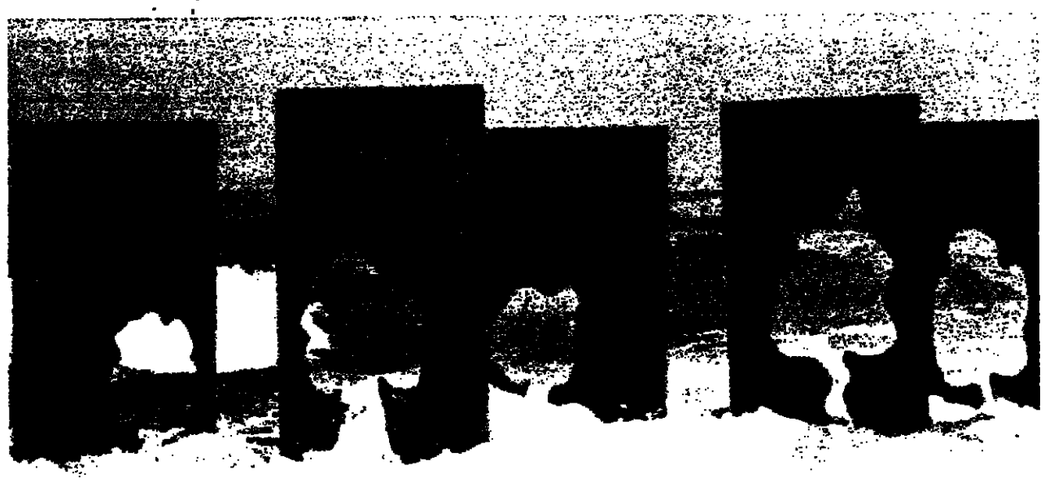

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NEWS
in brief

IDF soldier wounded in Lebanon

A soldier was lightly wounded last night by a mortar shell fired at a position in southern Lebanon, the IDF said.

The IDF spokesman said that the shooting took place in the eastern sector of the security zone. "The soldier was treated on the spot. IDF soldiers returned fire," he said.

The IDF responded with heavy artillery fire at Hizbullah positions north of the security zone. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Slain soldier's family arrives to dedicate forest

The parents and sister of Nikolai Rappaport, the IDF soldier killed in a Hizbullah attack last month, arrived in Israel from Russia last night as guests of the Jewish National Fund, a spokesman said. The family will attend a ceremony tomorrow dedicating a forest in memory of Nikolai, in Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's presence. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Sharon to meet with Hussein today

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon is to meet with King Hussein of Jordan in Amman today, in a visit scheduled for two weeks ago that was postponed due to the Iraqi crisis. Sharon is to discuss the peace process with the Palestinians as well as broadening ties with Jordan.

In other bilateral meetings this week, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky is to visit Amman tomorrow for trade talks and Crown Prince Hassan is to meet with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in Tel Aviv on Tuesday. *Itim*

Soldiers fatally shoot Palestinian infiltrator

IDF soldiers shot and fatally wounded a Palestinian who attempted to infiltrate into the Gaza Strip. On Thursday night the soldiers spotted several Palestinians, some of them armed, and fired warning shots into the air. Then they fired at one Palestinian who had trained his weapon on the soldiers. The Palestinian was seriously injured and taken to Soroka Hospital where he died later of his wounds. The other Palestinians fled to the autonomous area. *Margot Dudkevitch and Mohammed Najib*

Two die in road accidents

Yisrael Manor, 23, of Petah Tikva, was killed Friday night when his motorcycle slammed into a lamppost near the new soccer stadium in Rishon Lezion. Medics pronounced him dead at the scene.

Eran Bachar, 27, of Bat Yam died Friday or injuries sustained when his motorcycle overturned Thursday evening. He died at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv.

A doctor and a medic, who had stopped on the road near Bat Shlomo in the North last night to give first aid to a woman who had been moderately injured in a motorcycle accident, were themselves seriously injured when another car plowed into them as they were treating the woman.

All three of the injured were taken to Rambam Hospital in Haifa, where doctors were fighting for the lives of the medic and the doctor. *Itim*

Two separate teen suicides

A 17-year-old from the Tel Aviv area killed himself by jumping from the 10th level of the parking garage at the Rothschild Mall in Rishon Lezion on Friday. He was found dead on the roof of the adjacent Shekem store. Police said he left no note, but various items found among his personal belongings indicated he was a member of a satanic cult.

In Kiryat Gat, another 17-year-old was found dead in a forest near the city's soccer stadium yesterday, having apparently shot himself in the head with the Galil rifle found near his body. The rifle belonged to the youth's older brother, a soldier. *Itim*

Technion student murdered

Edward Rotenberg, a 23-year-old from Ma'alot who was studying mechanical engineering at the Technion, was stabbed to death early yesterday morning as he was leaving a recording studio in Haifa, where he had spent time with some friends. His girlfriend, who left the studio a few minutes after him, found him after he was attacked. Haifa police had no leads as of last night, but had appointed a special investigating team. *Itim*

Israel, China reportedly test fighter jet

Israel and China conducted a test flight of a jointly produced fighter plane in China about a month ago, the German magazine *Der Spiegel* reports in its latest edition due out tomorrow. It says the aircraft is of the F-10 type and is not the only joint project between the two countries. There was no comment from Israeli officials. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Indian military chief arrives

Indian Commander in Chief Gen. Prakash Malik arrives today for a week-long visit as guest of his Israeli counterpart, Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak. During his visit, Malik will tour the Northern Command and be shown various field units, the IDF said. He will also lecture on regional security in Southern Asia to the IDF Staff and Command College.

Israel and India have been quietly increasing their military ties, particularly in the area of defense sales. Last year, the IDF appointed its first military attache to India. Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai was to have visited India last month, but postponed the trip due to the Gulf crisis. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

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Arafat: Peace process in danger

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Suha Arafat, wife of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, talks to Ahmed Qreia yesterday, who was reelected to a third term as speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council. (Reuters)

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat warned yesterday that the peace process was in a "very dangerous situation." He blamed Israel for a deadlock in talks and for Palestinian economic troubles.

Arafat also told the opening of the third parliamentary session in Gaza that he planned to discuss the peace process tomorrow with Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan at his Ramallah residence.

In his two-hour speech, Arafat suggested summoning an urgent Arab Summit on the peace talks and Jerusalem.

"The Israeli government is willing to see the peace process become a part of the past. I'm not revealing any secrets when I say that the peace process is undergoing very dangerous circumstances," Arafat said. "Nothing is moving, nothing is progressing. On the contrary, everything is going backwards."

He accused Israel of strangling the Palestinian economy by restricting workers' access to Israel. "Israeli policy, using economic means, aims to take away our people's ability to survive by choking our livelihood," Arafat said.

He warned that deterioration of the Palestinian economy would touch the "heart of peace and security in the region."

Arafat added that "the world faces a challenge after Iraq agreed to stand by international resolutions. Jerusalem is a Palestinian, Arabic, Islamic, Christian red line there is not no stability without its return to a capital of the Palestinian independent state." At the PA weekly cabinet meeting held in Gaza on Friday night, members urged the international community to take a more active role in the peace negotiations.

They charged that Netanyahu was waging a public relations campaign instead of implementing agreements. Members also said that PA negotiator Saeb Erekat and Israeli cabinet secretary Danny Naveh had failed to make progress in their talks.

PA Minister of Information and Cultural Affairs Yasser Abed-Rabbo said "the US knows that Israel is not seriously interested in pushing the peace process forward and Netanyahu's current campaign is geared at crippling any US, European or Russian initiative."

At the opening of a PLO office in Gaza, Secretary of the PLO Executive Committee Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) said Arafat would be willing to meet Netanyahu if he was sure of the results.

Abbas said that the Palestinians were not opposed to resuming final status negotiations but only once the interim stage was completed. He also hoped that a presidential residence would be built soon in Jerusalem.

17 transplants performed over the weekend

By JUDY SIEGEL

Seventeen organs from six donors were transplanted into patients in four hospitals around the country over the weekend, including the heart of a five-year-old Arab boy killed in a road accident that a four-year-old Jewish boy from Tel Aviv received.

The recipient of the heart, Yair Kasher, is recovering in Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer. He was born with a congenital heart defect that made his heart swell to three times its normal size.

According to the Health Ministry spokesman, the donation of the heart by a family in Taiba eliminated the waiting list for a heart for youngsters younger than 17. Yair's mother, who is Orthodox, was at first reluctant to have her son get the heart of a non-Jew. After consulting with a number of rabbis, including Rabbi Elimelech Firer of Ezra Lemarpeh, she was persuaded to accept it.

According to the regulations of Israel Transplant, the coordinating body for transplants, families of potential donors cannot earmark the donations for people of a specific religion or ethnic origin. There has never been a case of someone refusing a suitable donor organ.

A few months ago, a Jewish boy's heart was transplanted into a Arab girl, who is now well.

Sixteen other organ transplants – six livers and 10 kidneys – were performed at Sheba, Hasharon, Schneider and Ha'emek hospitals. Four corneas were removed and saved for future transplants.

Joint ventures with Jordan city receive US duty-free status

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON – The US on Friday officially recognized the Jordanian city of Irbid as a "qualifying industrial zone," allowing goods produced there under Israeli-Jordanian joint ventures to be exported to the US duty-free.

US Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky predicted that duty-free access would immediately lead to the creation of six new ventures, including factories producing Motorola cellular telephones and Sara Lee Textiles hospital supplies.

She said the new factories in Irbid would provide 1,700 jobs in addition to 1,100 already involved in eight joint ventures producing apparel for such leading names as Banana Republic, Victoria's Secret, Polo/Ralph Lauren, J Crew and JC Penney.

Barshefsky along with Jordan's ambassador Marwan Muasher, Israeli ambassador Eliahu Ben-Elissar, and the US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross, pointed to the arrangement as evidence of how average people feel the benefits of peace.

"The Jordanian and Israeli businesspeople in the Irbid project can attest to the fact that economic cooperation leads not only to greater prosperity for both Jordanians and Israelis, but also to greater understanding," she said.

"The day-to-day contact required in all businesses inevitably leads to the realization that the people who have been described as your enemies are very much like yourselves. We hope this designation of the Irbid zone will also be the first step toward greater economic integration within the region."

While US President Reagan granted free-trade status to Israel over a decade ago, and President Bill Clinton designated the same for West Bank and Gaza products in late 1996, Irbid is the first industrial zone the US has designated as duty-free.

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky and his Jordanian counterpart Hani Mulki agreed to form the Irbid zone at the regional economic conference held in Doha last November.

Shahak bans hazing in IDF

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak has issued orders to uproot clandestine hazing ceremonies that have reportedly taken place in a number of units, the IDF Spokesman said. Shahak instructed all regional commanders, as well as heads of corps and IDF branches, to make sure no hazing takes place and to severely punish those caught performing the acts.

Hazing in the IDF, known in Hebrew as *zubur*, has existed for generations in some units and is hard to completely eradicate, since the ceremonies usually mark a rite of passage. Recruits are sometimes humiliated by being smeared with oil, eggs, flour, and sometimes excrement, and officers have been known to turn a blind eye to the rituals.

Occasionally, however, soldiers have been hurt and the incident has reached the press.

Over the weekend, the army announced that Shahak reminded the General Staff that hazing is illegal and can cause physical and mental harm to soldiers. He also told them it does not contribute to soldiers, but merely humiliates, endangers, and belittles them.

"This is a bad thing and we thought it had been uprooted from among us," Shahak said. "But it appears that it still exists in certain units in the IDF and there has to be every effort to eradicate it."

In a related matter, the IDF said yesterday that the Ground Forces Command is working on guidelines and a training program regarding the relationship between younger and senior soldiers in an effort to reduce tensions.

The effort was sparked by the rebellion in the Golani Brigade late last year in which veteran soldiers were incensed over their treatment by a new CO. After the soldiers refused to go out to duty in Lebanon, the company was disbanded and many of its members were sent to prison.

Handcuffed soldiers wed at military court

It has been done underwater. It has been done while bungee jumping. A local couple has found another unusual place for wedding vows: the hallway of a military court.

The couple, two IDF soldiers identified by Israel Radio only as T. and S., were in court Friday facing charges of drug use. Trying to get out of testifying against his girlfriend, S. decided to marry her on the spot, since spouses do not have to testify against each other.

Handcuffed to a military policeman, S. shuffled over to T. and proposed. He placed his wristwatch on her ring finger, as no rings were on hand, and uttered the words: "You are consecrated to me." Other soldiers in the hall served as the bewildered witnesses.

Moments later, the newlyweds' lawyer asked the judge to drop the case, since the main witness had just been disqualified. The confused judge turned to an army rabbi to ask if the ceremony was valid. No reply has been received yet.

But one rabbi said that on the face of it, it was a done deal. Under Jewish law, Rabbi Razton Arussi of the town of Kiryat Ono told Israel Radio, it was enough for the sacred words to be uttered and the vow to be witnessed by an observant Jew. (AP)

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Netanyahu is likely to get a chilly reception during his three-hour stopover in London today.

The visit comes three days after Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, in the words of an official at the Foreign Office, "re-launched the relationship between Britain and the Arab world," and stated he does not believe that Israel and the Palestinians could work things out alone.

In a speech at a reception to mark the 50th anniversary of the Anglo-Arab Association, Cook stressed the "strong partnership based on long understanding" between Britain and the Arab world.

Emphasizing that "a key international priority for the British presidency of the European Union" is the peace process, Cook also hinted that the EU was poised to take a more active and interventionist approach.

The peace process would not work, he said, "if either side tries to unpick the bits of the agreement they do not like. Nor will it work if the parties are left to to work out arrangements on their own.

"Europe has an important part in the peace process," said Cook. "The European Union provides more than twice as much assistance to the Palestinians as the United States. As the nearest neighbor to the Middle East, Europe has a major stake in peace."

This week, he said, he would meet European counterparts to discuss how they could inject new impetus in the peace process and would then travel to the region "to take to its leaders our ideas for breaking the stalemate."

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Priebke and H00ass admitted to shooting two victims apiece. Priebke said he helped round up the victims because refusing orders – which the defense claimed came from Hitler – would have meant death for themselves.

The appeals verdict lengthened a 15-year sentence Priebke received in July from a lower military court. That sentence had been reduced to a few months because of previous amnesties and time served in detention since his 1994 extradition from Argentina.

Neither Priebke nor Hass were in court for the verdicts, but just before the panel retired for eight hours of deliberations, Priebke told the court: "I have been chosen to keep the memory of all the evils of that time alive. It doesn't really matter who Erich Priebke is and what he has done. It only matters what he represents. Stefano Maccioni, a lawyer for Hass, described him as "stunned" and said he would remain free pending final appeal. Hass was convicted last year by the lower court tribunal and sentenced to 10 years and eight months in prison, but was immediately freed under a long-standing amnesty.

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Barak, Gazit cause stir with provocative remarks

By LIAT COLLINS and news agencies

Coalition and Likud whip Meir Sheetrit is calling for a Knesset debate on statements made at the end of last week by Labor leader Ehud Barak and former head of IDF Intelligence Shlomo Gazit.

Barak told cable television interviewer Gideon Levy that, had he been born a Palestinian, he would have probably "at the right age joined a terrorist organization." Barak stressed he is opposed to terror, which he called "despicable" and "inhumane."

Gazit, addressing a conference at Tel Aviv University, compared the kippot worn by some IDF soldiers to the Nazi swastika worn on military uniforms. Gazit later apologized in messages to President Ezer Weizman and Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, himself a Holocaust survivor. Gazit later said what he had meant was that kippot have become associated with a political opinion.

"I apologized and I will apologize again," said Gazit on Channel 2. "[But] the only army I know of that showed solidarity with a political party by displaying an outer symbol as part of their uniform was the swastika worn by some soldiers in the German Army." He suggested issuing a standard IDF kippa in colors matching the berets of the different corps.

Ehud Barak (Brian Hendler)

Shlomo Gazit (Israel Sun)

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak issued a statement expressing "disgust for the crude statement, which hurts kippa-wearing IDF soldiers."

Gazit's statement was also condemned by MKs from parties ranging from the far-left Meretz (Amnon Rubinstein) and far-right Moledet (Rehavam Ze'evi.)

Barak's statement on the Palestinians also continued to make waves over the weekend, with coalition MKs saying it could encourage terrorism. Barak rejected the criticism and stood by his words, leaked to the media from within his own staff.

"What else could I say – that if I were a young Palestinian immersed from birth in the Palestinian ethos I'd have become a third-grade teacher?" Barak asked journalists.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who heard of Barak's comment in Europe, called on him to take it back. Netanyahu said Barak should be more careful with his words, since Palestinian youth might understand from them that there are those in Israel who grant their acts legitimacy.

Barak responded that Netanyahu was trying to divert attention away from the reasons for the freeze in the peace process and said the prime minister could not preach to him about responsibility or fighting terror.

Sheetrit said the comments by Barak and Gazit had brought the level of political discourse to a new low. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza said Barak is not worthy of standing at the head of a Zionist party and Science Minister Michael Eitan said Barak could not provide the country with an alternative leadership.

Defense ministers meet

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai (left) is greeted by his French counterpart, Alain Richard, in Paris on Friday. They discussed a possible IDF withdrawal from Lebanon. (Reuters)

B'nai B'rith: Pollard believes court petition will help

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON – Jonathan Pollard is optimistic that Israel's High Court of Justice will declare that he was an Israeli agent when he was caught spying for Israel and sentenced to life imprisonment, according to a B'nai B'rith official who visited him late last week.

Pollard also believes that if such a declaration is made, it could change the way American security services view his crimes and ultimately could pave the way for his release.

Tommy Baer, president of B'nai B'rith International, visited Pollard on Thursday at a federal maximum security prison in Butner, North Carolina, where Pollard is serving a life sentence.

Baer said that while continuing to see himself as a "pawn" used by Israel, Pollard told him: "I am not a hero or a martyr and I object to any such characterization."

Pollard told Baer that the petition before the High Court is "important to any possibility of commutation" of his sentence. President Bill Clinton has rejected appeals to commute Pollard's sentence to time served.

"That's where he's placing his hopes," Baer said. "He seems to believe that if the [Israeli] government acknowledges now that he was a spy operating for Israel and makes a full disclosure, there'll be a change in the [US] intelligence community's assessment.

The court last Monday postponed a decision on the petition and is giving the government 60 days to examine the matter.

"Is he putting hope in that? Sure he is. He believes that's his best shot at the moment, and he also believes that continued pressure by Jewish organizations would help. He said Jewish organizations, except for a few, haven't had a major impact."

In their 90-minute meeting that was also attended by B'nai B'rith's George Specter, Baer said Pollard did not criticize the government or the court.

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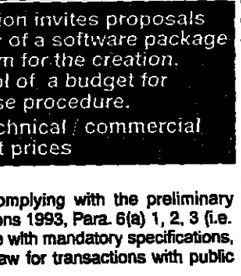

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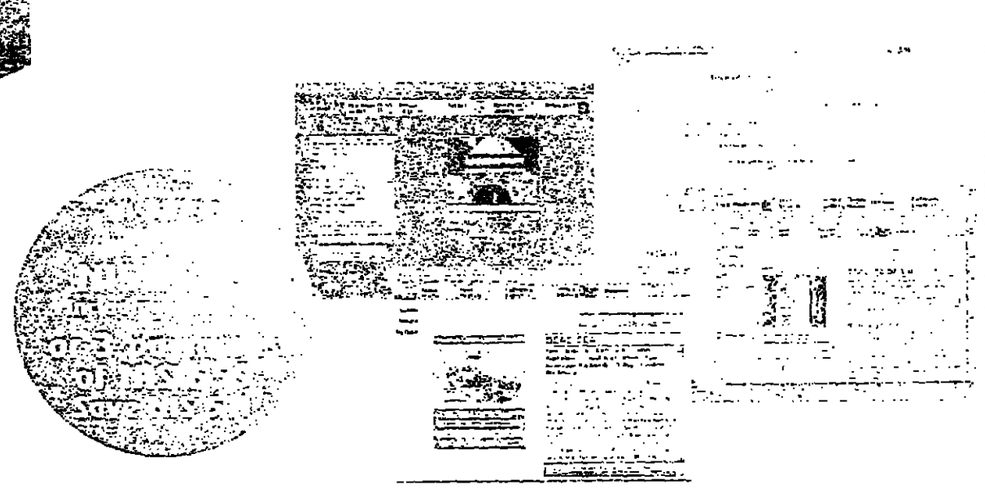

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Greece opens expanded Jewish museum

By THANASSIS CAMBANISS

ATHENS (AP) – Maurice Gattenio, a Greek Jew from Salonika, kept warm for two years in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp with a blanket made from human hair.

Today, the blanket that made the return journey to Greece with Gattenio and the few Jews that survived the Holocaust is on exhibit in a refurbished and expanded Jewish Museum of Greece.

"Very few Greeks, both Christian and Jewish, and very few tourists know that Jews have played an integral part in Greek history for 2,300 years," museum curator Zanet Battinou said Thursday, during preparations for the public opening this week.

Once known as the "Pearl of Israel," Salonika boasted 60,000 Jews at the beginning of the century. The Nazis deported and killed more than 50,000 of them in addition to nearly 20,000 Jews from other parts of Greece.

Today, there are fewer than 5,000 Jews among Greece's 10.2 million people. Only about 1,000 Jews remain in Salonika, where a Holocaust memorial was dedicated in November.

But the Salonika ceremony was sparsely attended and received little Greek media coverage, showing the possible challenges facing the expanded museum in trying to shed light on a little-known dimension of Greece's past.

"Today we open a new chapter in our history," director Sam Benrubi said. "This museum honors the 70,000 Jews who died and the countless Greeks who helped the rest survive." Founded in 1977, the museum outgrew its cramped quarters.

With private donations and government funding of $890,000, the museum has moved into a three-story neoclassical house in the old Plaka district of central Athens.

The museum, which will be opened to the public on Tuesday, was established in Athens to broaden its reach. Salonika has two much smaller museums which focus exclusively on the city's Jewish past.

The state-of-the-art facility houses artifacts from two millennia of Jewish presence in Greece, including a restored wooden synagogue from the southern city of Patras.

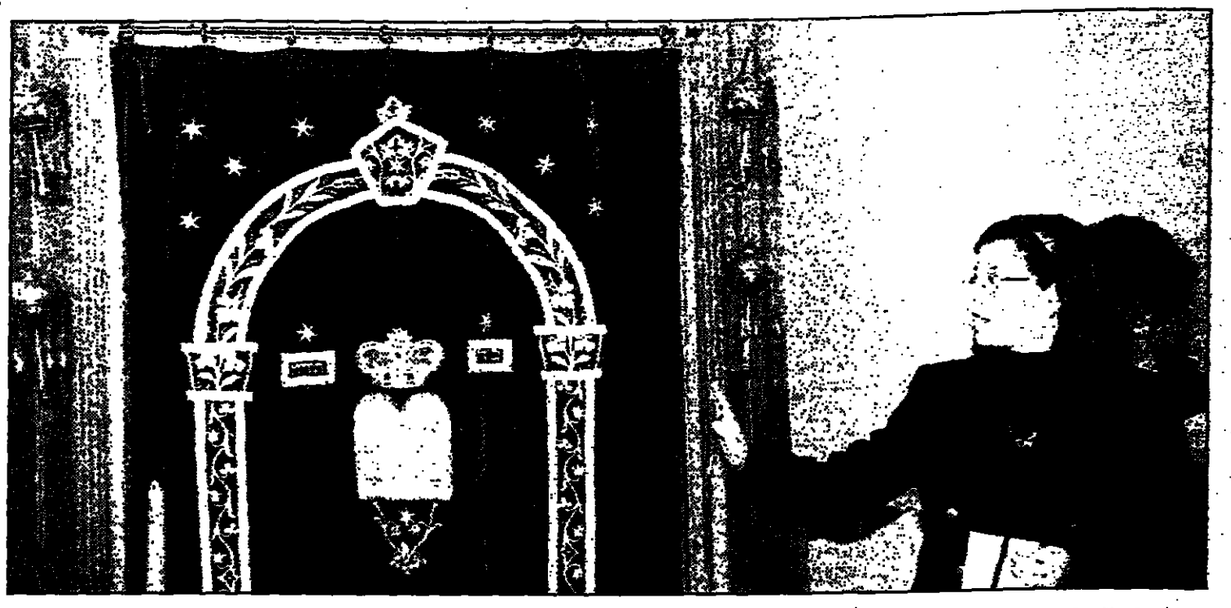
The 7,000 objects comprise one one of the most thorough and well-preserved collections of Judaica in all of Europe, museum officials said.

It spans more than 10 centuries and several communities with distinct cultures, including the Romaniotes, who settled in Greece in the 3rd century BCE, and the Sephardic Jews who came from Spain in the 15th century.

The exhibit proceeds chronologically, displaying rare hand-painted Torah scrolls, antique menoras, synagogue embroideries, and antique books about the history of Jews in Greece. In addition to artifacts from daily life, the museum includes documentation of the Holocaust deportation of the Greek Jews.

The top floor of the museum is reserved for rotating exhibits, including modern art and Judaica from other museums. With a library, photography lab and facilities to restore old textiles and manuscripts, the museum hopes to become a focal point for researchers and others interested in Jewish history.

Museum officials said they already have garnered plaudits from the Holocaust Museum in Washington, which has promised to loan material for temporary exhibitions.



Zanet Battinou, curator of the Jewish Museum of Greece in Athens, shows a rescued holy ark last Thursday. The ark, displayed in the expanded and refurbished museum, dates from the turn of the century and is one of the few remaining samples of a Greek holy ark, as most Greek synagogues were destroyed during the Nazi occupation. (AP)

Heirs to art stolen by Nazis fight for its return

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – Friedrich Gutmann's grandsons have sympathy and a trial date. What they don't have is cash to pursue their claim for their grandfather's Degas.

The painting, which was looted from the Gutmann family during World War II and ultimately turned up in the collection of a prominent Chicago businessman, is at the center of a landmark restitution lawsuit in the US.

Gutmann, a German banker, was beaten to death in Theresienstadt. His wife, Louise, died in Auschwitz. The Nazis plundered his paintings, including a monotype by Edgar Degas known simply by its description: "Landscape With Smokestacks."

Looted art has become the latest front in the public battle to recover Holocaust-era assets. For years, however, individual survivors and heirs have been left to fend for themselves, waging – and often abandoning – costly battles to recover their family's property.

Gutmann's grandsons, Nick and Simon Goodman, are trying to recover the Degas, which was purchased by a Chicago businessman and museum benefactor, Daniel Searle, for $850,000 in 1987.

They will meet in US Federal Court in Chicago for trial on May 4, if the Goodmans can scrape together the cash to cover the expenses of their legal claim, which was initiated soon after they located the Degas several years ago. The Goodmans have launched a "legal defense fund" with an ad in the weekly Jewish newspaper *The Forward*. The legal duel is believed to be the first significant court battle in the US over restitution between heirs of Nazi victims and private current owners.

Searle, a benefactor of the Chicago Institute of Art, contends that he bought the Degas in "good faith" and that the Goodmans did not show "due diligence" in looking for it. The Goodmans counter that because the work was stolen, Searle is bound to give it up.

They contend that the provenance for the Degas included the name of a Nazi-allied art dealer, which should have raised doubts among Searle's art advisers.

Because the Degas case is the first to go to trial in the US, it is likely to set the standard for future restitution efforts could be bound, said Goodman, a British citizen who lives in Southern California.

Austria to return looted Holocaust art

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – In a move that is expected to reverberate through museums across Europe, Austria said it is prepared to return art to Holocaust victims that was confiscated by the Nazis and later retained by the Viennese government as national treasure. *The New York Times* reported yesterday.

The decision by Elisabeth Gehrer, Austria's minister of culture, could involve more than 100 art works, including those by Franz Hals, Gustav Klimt, and Claude Monet, the *Times* reported.

The Allies collected looted art after the war and turned it over to European governments, which were expected to locate the owners or heirs.

However, in cases throughout the continent, governments have been charged with failing to seek the owners and, instead, using the art to stock their national museums.

Gehrer's decision was reported as Vienna prepared to mark the 60th anniversary of the Anschluss, the Nazi annexation of Austria. The minister's move apparently stems from an incident last December, when two families claimed that two Egon Schiele paintings that an Austrian-financed foundation had lent to New York's Museum of Modern Art had been plundered from them by the Nazis. The two paintings were seized by the Manhattan district attorney until their ownership could be determined.

Austria previously had been charged with being negligent in trying to locate the heirs of Nazi-looted art that had been recovered by the Allies. It drew international attention in 1996 when it returned to the Viennese Jewish community thousands of works of art that had been used by national institutions or stored for the 40 years in a monastery in Mauerbach.

An emotional two-day sale of over 8,000 so-called "Mauerbach items" in October 1996 raised nearly $15 million for Holocaust victims, four times the original estimate of the art works' value. Gehrer's spokesman told the *Times* that the minister wants a "modern image" for Austria and believes it is time for "moral" rather than "legal" decisions.

The 10 museums under the ministry's jurisdiction are to determine the origins of all art acquired between 1945 and 1960. A special commission, directed by Ernst Bacher, the deputy director of the National Monuments Commission, then would recommend what Gehrer called "generous" restitution measures.

The director of the Kunsthistoriche, Wilfred Seipel, told the *Times* he expects to return 10 paintings to the Rothschild family. The family was forced in 1946 to leave the paintings – including "Portrait of a Man" and "Portrait of a Woman" by Hals – in exchange for other pieces the museum did not want.

"We are open to the restitution of everything given to the museum in an immoral trade," Seipel said. "This should have been done 30 or 40 years ago. We have to fulfill a specific moral debt."

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

New Mossad leadership

The main focus of the Hebrew press commentators was on last week's appointment of Ambassador to the European Union Ephraim Halevy as Mossad director and OC Northern Command Maj-Gen. Amiram Levine as his deputy and President Ezer Weizman's reelection.

The press was divided in its support for the appointment of Halevy and Levine to the Mossad. Writing in *Ma'ariv* in an article titled "The recovery plan of Laurel and Hardy," Gad Shomron quotes a Mossad veteran supporting the appointments: "Ephraim Halevy will be the aspirin that will bring down the fever and prepare the Mossad body for treatment and the operation, which goes by the name of Amiram Levine." Shomron adds that after careful consideration, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has reached the conclusion that the two men will complement one another in order to improve the Mossad.

Yediot Aharonot's Ron Ben-Yishai states that the combination of Halevy and Levine is not ideal, but is reasonable under the circumstances. "Working together for a year and a half is not a short period and it seems that it will not be easy for the two soloists, who are not inclined to compromise or make concessions." In addition, Ben-Yishai writes that it will be a difficult task to overcome the fixations of the Knesset in the attempt to reform.

"The new combination that the prime minister has established indicates the use of good judgment, good staff work, and drawing conclusions from the past," writes *Ma'ariv's* editor Ya'acov Erez, who also states that "Netanyahu has expressed political maturity and responsible leadership." Meir Shalev in *Yediot* thinks that the double appointment points to the fact that neither man is worthy of serving as a Mossad head for a whole term. He criticizes Netanyahu's judgment in appointing the old and the familiar, claiming it is a "retro" nomination style, instead of identifying new potential candidates for the job.

Ha'aertz's Amir Oren states that the appointment of "Ephraim Levy the magician and Amiram Levine as his apprentice" where "the ambassador Levine will serve as secretary of state and Halevy as the defense minister" imitates the American model. He adds that the problem with the system lies in the fact that "the dim chain of authority and command invites not only failure but also the dispute as to who is responsible for failures."

Mr. President

Commentators speculated regarding the implications of President Ezer Weizman's reelection for the next five years. *Yediot's* Uri Orbach predicted: "He will continue to be popular but will get on everybody's nerves [and] his statements will be even more unbridled." He adds that in the next five years everyone will miss having a dull president and then Shaul Amor can step in.

According to *Ma'ariv's* Shalom Yerushalmi the old residual tension between Weizman and Netanyahu is the basis for an unavoidable future conflict, probably on the issue of a permanent arrangement with the Palestinians.

Yediot's Bina Barzel writes that Netanyahu has not come out a loser. Although he supported Amor in the race, he immediately reconciled with Weizman after the results were revealed. "The bottom line is that Netanyahu and the Likud have remained in the same spot that they were in before the battle over the presidency."

Yosef Lapid of *Ma'ariv* agrees that the outcome of the race will not hurt Netanyahu and not benefit Labor leader Ehud Barak. He adds that Netanyahu probably took this into account when he gave his support to Amor. "The compensations for loss are sometimes worth more than the asset itself."

Hamas terror cell

The exposure of a Hamas terror cell, one of whose heads was a Palestinian policeman, is an indication of a grave phenomenon, according to *Yediot's* Roni Shaked, who adds that it does not mean the entire Palestinian Police is infected with terror. He states that this is yet another example of the inability of the Palestinian intelligence apparatus to cope with terrorism, saying "This is why cooperation between [the Israeli and Palestinian] security establishments is so crucial."

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Death toll rises to 70 in Serb offensive on Kosovo

Albright warns: US will not tolerate the violence

PREKAZ, Serbia (Reuters) – Serbian anti-terrorist police units returned to the offensive yesterday against Albanian separatist guerrillas in the mountains of Kosovo as refugees fled or hid in woodlands.

Reporters who got to within a kilometer of Prekaz, the cockpit of heavy fighting on Thursday and Friday, saw police back in action.

Terrified families from Prekaz and surrounding villages cowered out of sight in nearby woods, watching police comb the village.

A plume of smoke rose over the destroyed compound of alleged Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) leader Adem Jasari who was among members of the family killed in Prekaz State television showed film on Friday of the Jasari compound littered with bodies. The walls of its houses and barns bore clear evidence of artillery shelling.

Police Colonel Ljubinki Cvetic confirmed in Pristina, the Kosovo capital 25 kms. to the east, that operations were continuing.

"The terrorists have other bases and we know precisely where they are and who they are," he told reporters at a display of arms including machine guns, automatic weapons and grenades said to be enough to arin 60 men.

Cvetic said 26 Albanians and two policemen, both members of an anti-terrorist unit, were killed in the fighting. It was the first official acknowledgement of the participation of specialized units.

The Belgrade daily *Veccernje Novosti* said Dozens of Albanian guerrillas were killed or wounded in the fighting.

First editions of the pro-government newspaper put the death toll at 70 – compared with an official figure of 26 Albanians and two Serbian policemen – but this was changed later to "several dozen" casualties including the wounded.

Diplomats speculated Serbian authorities wanted to minimize the casualties in the clashes in order to soothe dismay among Western countries who fear the crackdown on the KLA could ignite a wider Balkan conflict.

Vecernje Novosti's military correspondent Miroslav Lazanski alleged that gun-running to the KLA was still continuing through neighboring Albania and that Albanians volunteers from Germany were trying to reach Kosovo via Macedonia.

Lazanski wrote that police were now concentrating on suspected KLA villages around Djakovo, in western Kosovo, only 10 kms. from the Albanian border.

The attacks this week on the alleged KLA bastions of Prekaz and Lausha in the mountains of central Kosovo were the heaviest unleashed against Albanian separatists since the southern Serbian province lost its autonomy in 1989.

The KLA emerged as a military threat in response to growing impatience with the lack of progress made by political leaders demanding independence for Kosovo where 90 percent of the 1.8 million population is Albanian.

Western countries have signalled they want a diplomatic solution to the conflict. The Big Power contact group for Yugoslavia planned to meet tomorrow to focus on promoting compromise between the two sides rather than pursue threats of sanctions against Yugoslavia.

Western peacemakers want to persuade the ethnic Albanian majority to drop claims to independence while coaxing Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to restore autonomy.

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said in Rome yesterday that Washington would not tolerate violence in Kosovo but she did not repeat earlier US warnings of military intervention, saying only that "nothing was ruled out."

Belgrade authorities openly derided the threats as empty after US Balkan envoy Robert Gelbard condemned the use of terrorism in Kosovo which Milosevic interpreted as a green light to crack down on the KLA.

Police said KLA leader Adem Jasari, his brother and another senior guerrilla named Bajram Lustaku were killed.

Thirty KLA men were reported to have surrendered under guarantees of their personal safety, police said.

Jasari was described as a KLA leader trained across the border in Albania and sentenced to 20 years in absentia for "terrorist attacks" in Kosovo in which police and civilians were wounded.

Ibrahim Rugova, leader of the Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK), the biggest Kosovo Albanian political party, accused Serbia of unleashing police attacks to "ethnically cleanse" central Kosovo of its Albanian population.

He told reporters in Pristina on Friday that women and children were also killed during the police raids.

"Attacks in Drenica are part of Serb ethnic cleansing in Kosovo," he said. "We denounce the attacks in the strongest terms and call on the international community to take immediate, concrete steps to save the people of Kosovo."

The AP adds:

The UN Security Council is expected to take up the crisis in Kosovo this week but only if the Contact Group can produce an framework for dealing with the crisis acceptable to Russia.

Germany's foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, urged an emergency meeting of the Security Council on the violence in Kosovo and to expand the UN peacekeeping operation in nearby Macedonia.

During a meeting with Belgian Foreign Minister Erik Derycke, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said he had been worried about the situation in Kosovo "for some time."

But the council is not expected to take up the issue until after the Contact Group on the former Yugoslavia – the United States, Britain, Russia, France, Germany, and Italy – meet on the crisis in London tomorrow.

"There is great concern about events in Kosovo," Britain's UN ambassador, John Weston said. "I believe in the light of the reported events, it will be necessary for us to address this matter again early next week...The recently reported events in Kosovo are serious and I believe that there are a number of member states that want events to be kept under active scrutiny by the Security Council."

Russia, which maintains historic and cultural ties to the Serbs, has called for "constructive dialogue" to end the crisis and opposes economic sanctions against Serbia.

As a permanent council member, Russia could veto any resolution to intervene in Kosovo.

An Albanian refugee carries her newborn while fleeing fighting in the Drenica area yesterday as Serbian police continue a crackdown in troubled Kosovo. (AP)

Iran angry over Ukraine nixing nuclear deal

TEHERAN (AP) – Iran said yesterday that Ukraine was the big loser for pulling out of a nuclear agreement because of US pressure.

It said Kiev's decision could damage relations.

"Ukraine is the biggest loser. The country has lost its political and economic credibility because of its failure to live up to commitments," state-run Teheran radio said in a commentary. After lengthy negotiations and months of US diplomatic pressure, Ukraine canceled on Friday a $45 million deal to sell turbines for two Russian-designed nuclear reactors in Iran.

Teheran says that the 1,000-megawatt Bushehr powerplant in southern Iran is for peaceful use, but Washington insists the project is part of an Iranian nuclear weapons program.

Teheran radio said Iran had "not lost anything except the unreliable partnership of Ukraine, only to find a better and more reliable opportunity to receive things that are needed for the Bushehr atomic power station."

It said that Russia and Iran could go ahead with the project, and that Ukraine's decision would damage its relations with Iran.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Vladimir Bulgak said in Teheran Thursday that Moscow had agreed to build a third and fourth nuclear reactors at the Bushehr facility.

US lottery worker slays 4, then himself

By JOHN SPRINGER

NEWINGTON, Conn. – A silent and seething employee went on a bloody rampage at Connecticut Lottery headquarters, killing four senior lottery officials before committing suicide as police closed in.

The victims were state lottery chief Otho Brown, 54; former New Britain Mayor Linda A. Blogoslawski Mlynarczyk, 38; Frederick Rubelmann III, 40, vice president of lottery operations and administration; and Michael Logan, 33, the agency's information systems director.

The killer used a handgun and a knife. Police identified him the gunman as Matthew E. Beck, 35, a state lottery accountant involved in a seven-month dispute with the agency over job duties and pay.

Coworkers said Beck, dressed in jeans and a polo shirt, appeared tormented by something when he showed up for work Friday morning at Connecticut Lottery headquarters. He sat at his desk refusing to speak to coworkers or to remove his tan leather jacket.

Finally, he stood up from his chair and walked past at least a dozen offices toward the administration suite.

"It all happened in only a matter of minutes," said state Public Safety Commissioner John Connelly.

Amid the screams of coworkers who ran in terror at the sound of gunfire, witnesses said, Beck showed no emotion as he systematically sought out and killed superiors who had been involved in a union grievance he filed last year.

Police said Logan was the first to die, stabbed in the chest and stomach with a military-style knife.

Beck then shot and killed Mlynarczyk, the lottery's chief financial officer. She was meeting with Logan and another lottery official in her office when Beck burst in, armed with a knife and semi-automatic handgun for which he had a permit.

"We heard, 'Pop, pop, pop.' I just thought something dropped.

People started yelling to get out of the building," said Marion Tercyak, an accountant. "Security and Ott (Brown) were yelling for people to keep running, to run into the woods."

Employees flooded out of the building and tried to find cover behind cars, trees and bushes. Beck shot Rubelmann inside the building as he tried to direct workers to safety, police and witnesses said.

Outside in the parking lot, Brown was screaming for workers to run into the woods behind the building. From about 50 meters away, workers watched as Beck chased Brown into an empty parking lot.

Brown stumbled and fell to the gravel lot, enabling Beck to catch up to him. Witnesses said Brown pleaded for his life as Beck stared down at him .

"I was screaming, 'Matthew don't, Matthew don't!" Barbara Doody, an accountant, said.

"Then Otho puts his arm up in the air. That's when Beck walks right up to him and pulls the trigger. There was no expression on Matthew's face. Nothing."

As police arrived moments later and drew their weapons, Beck put his pistol to his head and pulled the trigger. He was pronounced dead at Hartford Hospital.

Connelly said Beck suffered from job-related stress and had returned to work February 25 after a five-month medical leave.

The leave appeared to be related to an unresolved grievance Beck filed in August in which he complained he was forced to perform duties not in his job description, Connelly said.

Beck was performing a computer-related job but was still being paid as an accountant, a position that pays about $2 an hour less than the computer job, according to state records.

(The Hartford Courant)

British proposal would strip some royals of their titles

LONDON (AP) – Queen Elizabeth II is being urged to strip half the royal family, including Prince Andrew's two daughters, of their royal titles, a tabloid newspaper reported yesterday.

The Sun newspaper claimed that the proposal, which it says is contained in a confidential Buckingham Palace reform document, has been approved by prime minister Tony Blair's office, but Blair's spokesman told the Associated Press late Friday night that is "simply not true."

The proposals are reported to be part of the effort to further modernize the monarchy in the wake of the death of Princess Diana, the newspaper said.

A Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said Friday night that "there have been a number of issues under discussion, but nothing is confirmed."

Only the queen's closest relatives would retain the title of HRH, – His or Her Royal Highness, – the newspaper said.

Among the nine family members who could lose them are Prince Andrew's children, princesses Beatrice and Eugenie, and the queen's cousins – the Gloucesters, Kents, Princess Alexandra and Prince and Princess Michael.

A memo from the queen's private secretary, Sir Robert Fellowes, reportedly recommends that future HRH titles be restricted to children of the monarch and children of the heir to the throne, but that living family members should not be forced to relinquish their titles.

The newspaper said there were also proposals to "drastically trim" the $57.5 million budget for police protection of the royal family.

Hindu party picks Vajpayee for premier

NEW DELHI (Reuters) – India's general election was virtually complete yesterday after a subdued vote in the restive Jammu and Kashmir state and Hindu Nationalists said they were ready to form the next government.

Blasts and a boycott call by Kashmir's leading separatist alliance kept many voters away in Himalayan state's Anantnag and Baramulla constituencies which went to the polls under heavy security.

"We had six minor explosions which had no impact at all," senior police official, PS Gill, said. At least three paramilitary personnel were wounded.

Newly-elected lawmakers of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) gathered in parliament's central hall in New Delhi to formally elect Atal Behari Vajpayee as their choice for prime minister.

"It is most appropriate that we meet here, where the first government was set up, where our constitution was prepared, to elect our leader, who in the next few days will be the country's prime minister," BJP President Lal Krishna Advani said.

India's indecisive elections gave the BJP and its allies the biggest chunk of 252 seats, 20 short of a clear majority in the 545-member lower house of parliament.

"We have reached this far, the destination is not very far now," Vajpayee, who was briefly prime minister after the last election in 1996, said in his acceptance speech.

With yesterday's poll, almost all of India has finished voting except for two snow-bound constituencies which vote in June and, one where a re-vote has been ordered for March 30.

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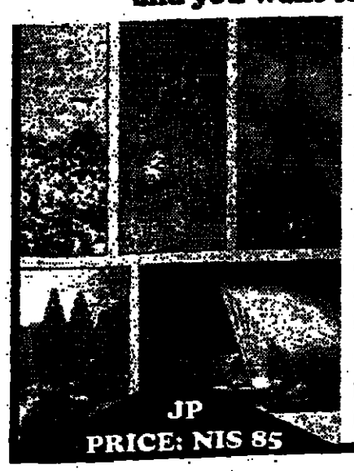

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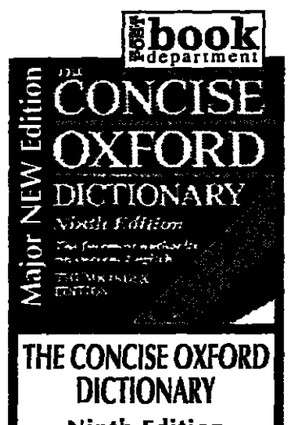

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Vietnam's My Lai massacre remembered

By PAUL ALEXANDER

MY LAI, Vietnam (AP) – Truong Thi Le stares at a graphic photograph of the massacre's carnage, then points at the pile of corpses under which she hid for four hours, clutching her 6-year-old son. Her dead mother, brother and another son sprawl nearby.

"I feel pain in my heart when I look at this," she says, choking. "I have to struggle not to cry. I still can't account for what happened." Dredging up memories of the terrible events is easy – far too easy – for Le, 70, and Ha Thi Quy, 73.

Dealing with the memories is another matter.

That long-ago day started mostly overcast and breezy, with some hot sun later, around noon, the two women say. The 8,000 residents of the four My Lai hamlets were having breakfast or heading to the rice paddies. The winter crop, not one of the best, was almost ready for harvest.

When gunfire started, it wasn't a surprise. My Lai was in a war zone; many residents had crude dirt shelters to huddle in during artillery attacks.

But this time was different. Within four hours 504 men, women and children, by the residents' count, would lie dead after one of the US Army's blackest days, March 16, 1968.

Quy speaks softly at first, recalling how American soldiers had visited My Lai hamlet No. 4 previously, giving away candy and cigarettes and getting water.

Her wrinkled face comes alive and her voice picks up intensity and agitation – "I still feel frightened to tell the story," she says – as she details how helicopters came in low around 6 a.m., followed by American infantrymen who gathered up the villagers.

As Quy was herded through the rice paddies, a bullet hit her thigh; she thinks it was a stray because it didn't come from the soldier behind her.

She managed to keep walking until the group reached a newly dug ditch about 50 meters long.

"The villagers did not dare to resist," she says. "They had nothing to fight back. I prayed for them to spare me. They didn't say anything." The first shot was a monk. In the ensuing barrage, Quy was hit in the buttocks, went down and passed out.

When Quy awoke, the soldiers were gone. They left behind 407 dead and dying, villagers said later. The Americans had moved on to My Lai hamlet No. 2, where they killed 97 more people.

Quy found herself in a pile of corpses, including her mother and eldest daughter, in the ditch where the blood was calf-deep.

"The dead bodies piled over me. That's why I survived. I was just lucky," she says.

Ha Thi Quy (left) describes how she survived the My Lai massacre at a memorial set up at the site. Truong Thi Le (right), also a survivor, points to a ditch were 170 of the 504 people killed in the March 16, 1968 massacre were rounded up and shot. (AP)

US honors heroes 30 years later

By DONNA ABU-NASR

WASHINGTON (AP) – Thirty years after one of the darkest moments in US military history, three soldiers who happened upon the My Lai massacre and risked their lives to save Vietnamese civilians by aiming their weapons at fellow Americans were proclaimed heroes by the Army.

"We stand in honor of their heroism, and we have taken too long to recognize them," Chaplain Donald Shea said Friday at an emotional ceremony by the granite walls of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. "Remembering a dark point in time, we are now a richer nation as their personal heroic service is woven into the fabric of our history." The ceremony was held to award the prestigious Soldier's Medal – the highest award for bravery not involving conflict with an enemy – to Hugh Thompson, Lawrence Colburn and their comrade, Glenn Andreotta, who was killed in battle three weeks after My Lai.

"It was the ability to do the right thing even at the risk of their personal safety that guided these soldiers to do what they did," said Army Maj. Gen. Michael Ackerman. "This afternoon we will finally recognize these men for their heroic actions."

"I proudly and humbly accept it not only for myself but for the men who served with honor on the battlefield in Southeast Asia," said former helicopter pilot Thompson, his voice quavering with emotion. "This is a very important day for us," added Thompson, who counsels veterans in Lafayette, Louisiana.

The My Lai massacre, which left some 500 Vietnamese civilians dead and led to the court-martial of Lt. William Calley and five other soldiers, stands as one of the worst moments in American military history.

Early in the morning of March 16, 1968, chopper pilot Thompson, door-gunner Colburn and crew chief Andreotta came upon US ground troops killing Vietnamese civilians in and around the village of My Lai.

They landed the helicopter in the line of fire between American troops and fleeing Vietnamese civilians and pointed their own guns at the US soldiers to prevent more killing. Colburn and Andreotta provided cover for Thompson as he went forward to confront the leader of the US forces. Thompson later coaxed civilians out of a bunker so they could be evacuated, and then landed his helicopter again to pick up a wounded child they transported to a hospital. Their efforts led to a cease-fire order.

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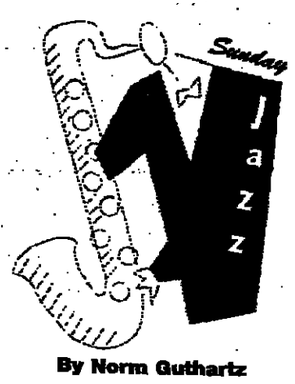
Did success spoil Satchmo?



By Norm Guthartz

Besides being a groundbreaking trumpeter, solid soloist, inspired bandleader and quintessential singer, Louis Armstrong may well have been the *most commercially successful* performer the jazz world has ever produced.

A PORTRAIT OF LOUIS ARMSTRONG
(BNE)

A PORTRAIT OF THE ANDREWS SISTERS
(BNE)

What is this thing called swing? Louis Armstrong plays great solos but they are often frustratingly short.

The commercialism hit on Satchmo almost as soon as he split New Orleans for New York. The marketing heavies in the Big Apple placed all sorts of demands on him, but he never abandoned the soul of the Big Easy.

The selections on *A Portrait of Louis Armstrong* are a hint of the tension between the two. But that tension did not get in the way of Satchel Mouth's making great music.

He arrived with his combo from New Orleans in the Thirties, but he couldn't record with them because he couldn't get them union cards. So Armstrong took up with a big band and joined the Swing Era. Listen to his composition "What Is This Thing Called Swing," in which an old jazz hand encounters what was then the new music. He gives a gravelly monologue and clears the way for frantic work by each section, before taking a terrific swing at it himself.

Armstrong must have known that his name was a big drawing card, if nothing else, for the novelty value of his voice and clowning. To be sure, there are lots of novelty numbers, from "La Cucaracha" — on which he scat sings — to "Flat Foot Floogie," and songs that were already trite by the late 1930s, like "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree." But even on that recording, he managed to inject some real jazz with his singing and playing. On "The Old Folks at Home," his spoken, tongue-in-cheek delivery is little more than a cameo role for a heavily syncopated arrangement by a vocal quartet, which offers a lot of surprises of its own.

Armstrong is joined by the Lyn Murray Chorus for a few a-cappella spirituals. "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" is lifted to wonderful heights by his smooth, sincere vocal; it's controlled and yet pushes the song to its emotional limits.

And his trumpet playing is a sheer pleasure. He gets in worthwhile solos on most of the tracks, but they are often frustratingly short.

BNE, the importer of this and other discs in the series, is also distributing a compilation of much-later material, like "Hello, Dolly" and "Wonderful World." That collection from the Music Club label, inappropriately entitled *The Essential Satchmo*, concentrates on songs produced when he'd already become a captive, regardless of how willing, of the marketplace. Given a choice between a portrait in time and the supposed essence of Armstrong, I'd choose the picture.

THE GALLERIE series of double-CD sets is heavily weighted toward music popular during the swing era, and not necessarily jazz.

The collection of 48 recordings by the Andrews Sisters, that vocal trio best known for "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," is the anatomy of a successful formula: big-band arrangements, the seamless meshing of LaVerne's contralto voice, Maxine's high harmony and Patti's lead, and just enough novelty elements tossed into each side so it doesn't sound too much like the last release.

"Bugle Boy" is here, as you'd expect, plus a number of tracks with Bing Crosby, including "Don't Fence Me In."

They started out, though, with the biggest novelty: Imagine, three very WASP-y chicks from Minnesota breaking into the US charts with a song bearing a Yiddish title, the original 1937, English-language version of Shalom Secunda's "*Bei Mir Bist Du Sheyn*." This is a nostalgic romp for those who love the Andrews' kind of naive pop.

I hear music but there's no one there

COMMENT

By Michael Ajzenstadt

This week, thousands of Israeli children will be taken by their parents to see the big musical hits of the year: productions of *Everything Is a Fairy Tale*, *The Heart*, *Pinocchio*, *Robin Hood*, *Peter Pan* and other musicals that premiered during Hanukka and will continue to play, with tickets already selling into Pessah.

Some of these productions are better than others, but there is one major concern regarding all of them. These are musicals *sans* music, musicals with playback, musicals in which the actual meaning of a live show has vanished into thin air.

Actors, composers and, above all, impresarios tell us that this is the only way. For backers to get a return on their investment, they need to present these shows four or five times a day. And the singers and actors, of course, cannot sing that much every day, four days in a row. So enter the playback system.

It saves a lot because you do not need an orchestra as part of the production, and the singers lip sync to their own prerecorded sound. Ingenious? Maybe. Professional? Perhaps. But what has happened to integrity, what has happened to the live theatrical experience?

The large numbers of musicals on the market are nothing like real musicals. This is not what a Broadway or a West End musical is all about. These musicals are nothing more than vehicles for making fast, easy money for performers and producers.

Artistically speaking, they are usually quite abysmal. The texts are poorly written, the sets are minimal and old-fashioned, and only the costumes are really exciting.

As for the acting and the singing, it depends. Most of the headliners in these musicals are children's television stars who do not necessarily know what acting, not to mention singing, is all about. And, above all, there is no sense of direction in any of these musicals. They all lack a real director and, even more so, a musical director. But then again, with no live music, perhaps a musical director is a luxury they can do without.

Some of these musicals do work well on the emotional level (*The Heart*) and some have good casts and a witty script (*Everything Is a Fairy Tale*); but on the whole, the audience is paying a lot for these musicals and they do not get their money's worth. After all, would anyone pay money to go to the Mann Auditorium to see the IPO sit on stage and mime their own prerecorded disc? Would that be acceptable? Of course not!

But parents seek children's entertainment and would do anything to give their young ones some form of culture. And they do not complain because the kids enjoy it, so who are we to criticize?

Ticket prices for the general public are extremely expensive. But industry sources assert that only an unfortunate few actually pay full price. Through workers' unions in various corporations or government offices, you can take your family to these musicals for less than a quarter of the box-office price.

So before you actually pay full price for a musical with no live music this Purim or anytime else, check with your friends or relatives. Maybe you can at least get this half-value entertainment for half the price.

Our lost youth recaptured

Sabra Sounds

By Emily Hauser

Time to haul out the time-machine – it's another in Sabra Sounds' occasional series, the Classic Column.

I should admit right away that my reviewer's objectivity regarding *Arik Einstein Shalom Hanoch in Concert* might be so warped as to be nonexistent. It was the first album I ever heard in Hebrew, and

ARIK EINSTEIN & SHALOM HANOCH
Behofa'a Meshutefet
(Arik Einstein & Shalom Hanoch in Concert)
(NMC)
★★★★ ½

VEHAPLITIM
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(Ehud Banai and The Refugees)
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Shalom Hanoch showcases his talent on '*Behofa'a Meshutefet*' (Michal Rotem)

I could sing every song before I understood a word of it.

Be that as it may, it's not for nothing that my first Israeli friends chose to introduce me to this, of all, albums. It's a brilliant live recording of a young Arik Einstein and Shalom Hanoch showing off the very best of their considerable talents.

Purists will need to know that three of the record's weaker songs were cut when what was once a double album was transferred to CD format – but 74 wonderful minutes of musical history remain, and sometimes less is more.

Here is where you'll find classic interpretations of such songs as "*San Francisco Al Hamayim* ("In San Francisco by the Water"), "Maya," and "*Ma Sheyoter Amok Yoter Kahol*" ("The Deeper, the Bluer"). There's also the wonderfully dated "*Tafasti Rosh Al Habar*" (unfortunately called "Hitting It Off the Bar" in English), written at a time when a man pretending to be a woman was considered funny, rather than tragic, à la Ivri Lider's 1997 release, "*Mary Lenetzah*" ("Mary Forever").

One of *Behofa'a Meshutefet*'s greatest strengths is in the treatment it affords material which was already well-known by the time of the 1979 performance (actually two performances). The audience – a key element in the album's fun atmosphere – knew every song as it came up, but there was enough innovation, spontaneous kidding around and improvisation on stage, that these tunes still sound fresh out of the box, 19 years later. Aside from anything else, it's abundantly clear that the boys were having a ball.

THE EPONYMOUSLY titled debut album by Ehud Banai Vehaplitim (Ehud Banai and The Refugees) spawned a number of songs which became legendary almost immediately upon their release.

Back when it came out in 1987, Ehud was the latest member of the Banai dynasty to take up singing. He was, and remains, a serious singer, songwriter and musician with a lot on his mind. That his first release was so good, met but not surpassed by subsequent albums, is testament to his tremendous abilities.

Banai's greatest contribution to the local music scene has been an on-going, genuine dialogue between Western and Middle Eastern sounds. A handful of others went down the path before him, and certainly other have followed. But for my money, no one else has shown the sincerity and intellectual curiosity that Banai brings to everything he puts his hand to.

Of course, experimentation can sometimes lead to mixed results, as in this disc's seemingly endless "*Dam*" ("Blood"). Never mind – when the rest is so impressive, it's easy to forgive the occasional slip.

What Banai really excels at is giving expression to life's margins, whether it be people, moments or emotions. In "*Avoda Shehora*" ("Black Work"), he presents an aching portrayal and protest of the tragedy of the Ethiopian immigration. "They dreamed of home for years/ and now it's reality," he sings, "it happens at home too/ the exile continues."

"*Arbev et Hatiah*" ("Mix the Cement") opens with the lines "Five a.m. in Gaza/ it's cold, I'm tired." Rather than shove his politics down the listener's throat, Banai chose to paint a picture with a simple first-person account of a day in the life of one of the many faceless Palestinians who have filled Israel's labor pool over the years.

Then there's the brilliant "*Egel Hazahav*" ("The Golden Calf"). It takes a special talent indeed to take the biblical tale of the Israelites' return to paganism and give it rocking, modern-day relevance.

The truth is that it wouldn't be a bad idea to buy any of Banai's three albums, but if you're going to start somewhere, it might as well be at the beginning.

DID YOU KNOW?

Q: Two *Shablul* medleys appear on *Behofa'a Meshutefet*. What's *Shablul*?

A: *Shablul* was a very influential 1970s television variety show/showcase for Arik Einstein, Shalom Hanoch and some of their talented friends.

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHARTS	ARTIST	TITLE
#1	2	2	V/A	KOLOT MIN HABAMA
#2	3	12	V/A	KOLOT MIN HASHAME'M
#3	1	2	ARCADI DUCHIN	KOCHAV HA'AHAVA
#4	5	9	HAIM MOSHE	HATMUNOT SHE ...
#5	6	2	CELINE DION	LET'S TALK ABOUT LOVE
#6	7	2	V/A	CLASSIC TRAX
#7	19	2	V/A	THE GIRL FROM IPANEMA
#8	14	3	LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY	POSTCARDS ...
#9	12	7	O.S.T.	FLORENTINE
#10	NEW	1	YOSSI BANAI SHAR VEMESAPER	BRASSENS
#11	11	8	YEHUDA POLIKER	HOFAA BECAESAREA
#12	4	5	O.S.T	TITANIC
#13	8	11	IVRI LIDER	MELATEF VEMESHAKER
#14	NEW	1	AVIV GEFFEN	HALULIM
#15	NEW	1	PABLO ROZENBERG	BEN HA'ARBAIM

Tower Records' top-selling albums for last week

Tolerance project honors fallen soldiers

By LYDIA WEITZMAN

When four graduates of the Shomron Yeshiva in Karnei Shomron lost their lives in Lebanon within the space of six months, teachers and pupils – past and present – were traumatized.

Avi Dantelski, a 22-year-old former student, composed a poem to express his feelings. Assuming the persona of a bereaved father, he gave voice to an overwhelming sense of frustration and anger at the loss of a son in the prime of his life, counterbalanced by a love of and belief in God, as expressed in the mourner's daily prayer.

Dantelski approached musician Elli Jaffe, who immediately offered to compose music to accompany the haunting lyrics of *Kaddish*.

In the week immediately following the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, Yonni Segel, similarly overcome with grief and anger, expressed his emotions through music. A gifted student specializing in music at the Mor Metro West High School in Ra'anana, Segel's hopes for a better world of tolerance and understanding were expressed in a musical composition he called *The Path to Dreams*.

Segel and Dantelski – though from completely different worlds – had both participated in Together Israel, an educational project which exposed them to their counterparts on the other side of the fence, both in terms of the secular-religious divide and the Green Line.

The Together Israel project brings together 11th-grade students from Mor Metro West High School in Ra'anana, the religious girls' school Ulpana Lehava in Kedumim and the Shomron Yeshiva. The students meet regularly to discuss topics ranging from tolerance and mutual respect to nationalistic issues.

"The discussions take place alternately in Ra'anana and Karnei Shomron, exposing the students to an environment, culture and way of life which is different from their own," explains Avinoam Granot, headmaster of Mor Metro West.

"The meetings bring the yeshiva students into contact with the secular world, which for many is known only through the media," echoes Paltiel Landau, director of the Shomron Yeshiva. "Here, real issues are discussed and debated on a personal basis."

Both Metro West and the Shomron Yeshiva had been involved in meetings with other local schools in an attempt to break down the barriers of religious and political affiliations which have polarized much of Israeli society. The issue gathered momentum in the period following the Rabin assassination, when school principals Granot and Landau decided to extend these get-togethers over the Green Line.

The sessions are frequently moderated by outside professionals from such organizations as the Gesher Foundation, who agree in advance with the teachers on the content of the meeting.

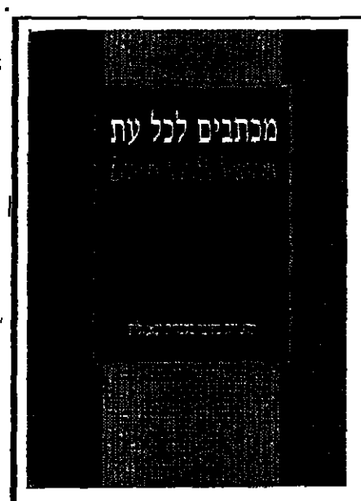
In the last two years, the two schools together have lost seven graduates during their army service, one of whom was Yonni Segel, the young composer of *The Path to Dreams*. He was one of the 73 soldiers killed in last year's She'ar Yashuv helicopter crash. Given this shared tragedy, it seemed only natural to students and teachers alike to join forces in honoring their memory. All seven soldiers – Segel, Yishai Shechter, Ori Biton, Ran Arman, Shilo Levy, Amit Cohen and Avner Hezzi – were committed to fighting for their country as well as combating the polarization and intolerance of Israeli society.

Tonight's concert, "Sounds of Unity," is intended to honor their memory and the values of tolerance, brotherhood and love of mankind with which they were so closely associated. The concert brings the project beyond the confines of the school hall.

Composer Jaffe will conduct the IPO tonight at the Mann Auditorium, in performances of the compositions by Segel and Dantelski, *Kaddish* and *The Path to Dreams*. Seven students from the Mor Metro West music department will also perform in this tribute to the fallen soldiers.

The program, also features Dudu Fisher, Shlomo Gronich and pianist Dorel Golan, another pupil from Mor Metro West.

The proceeds of the concert, sponsored by the local authorities of Ra'anana, Kedumim, Karnei Shomron and the Samaria District Council, will fund future inter-school meetings devoted to promoting tolerance and understanding.



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Menace in Kosovo

Predictions that Kosovo province in southern Yugoslavia would explode have been around for as long as those saying Iraq would return as a menace. Forewarned is not always forearmed – no diplomatic efforts have been able to prevent yet another inevitable tragedy. Now European diplomacy is caught in a Balkan panic once again with no idea how to handle it, apart from making vague threats against the Serbian government that no one has any intention of enforcing.

The foreign ministers of the major powers are trooping off to London tomorrow in search of stable doors to fasten. It appears no effective warning was given to Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic not to initiate the war on Yugoslavia's ethnic Albanians that everyone expected would come once he had disentangled himself from Bosnia. Milosevic is known well enough to the international community for such a message to have been both necessary and effectively delivered. He has again taken advantage of feeble European foreign policy and American equivocations and sent his security forces on a typical Serbian rampage. There is not a Moslem in the world who will not believe that having failed to annihilate the Bosnian Moslems, the fanatical Yugoslav Serbs have now attacked the Moslem Albanians within their own borders with the same intention.

Kosovo is not just some small bothersome minority – the province is 90 percent ethnic Albanian and it has always been considered by experts a dangerous powder keg. Even more than the Bosnian and Croatian wars, civil war in southern Serbia has the possibility of sucking in Greece, Turkey, and Albania, which could easily see their national interests coming under threat.

The solution to Kosovo's problem is perfectly clear – Milosevic should restore the autonomy he took away from the province in 1989, causing violent riots, and the Kosovo Albanians should drop their ridiculous demands for full independence. More than enough useless mini-statelets have sprung up following Yugoslavia's collapse – the last thing the region needs is another "independent" province that has no hope of self-sufficiency.

But 1.5 million ethnic Albanians cannot be ignored or driven out of their homes by the intolerant Serb nationalists. It is natural that, as casualties mount in Kosovo, public opinion in Albania is going to be inflamed. Already there are reports of volunteers coming in from Albania and Germany via Macedonia to help their kinsfolk fight the Serbian onslaught.

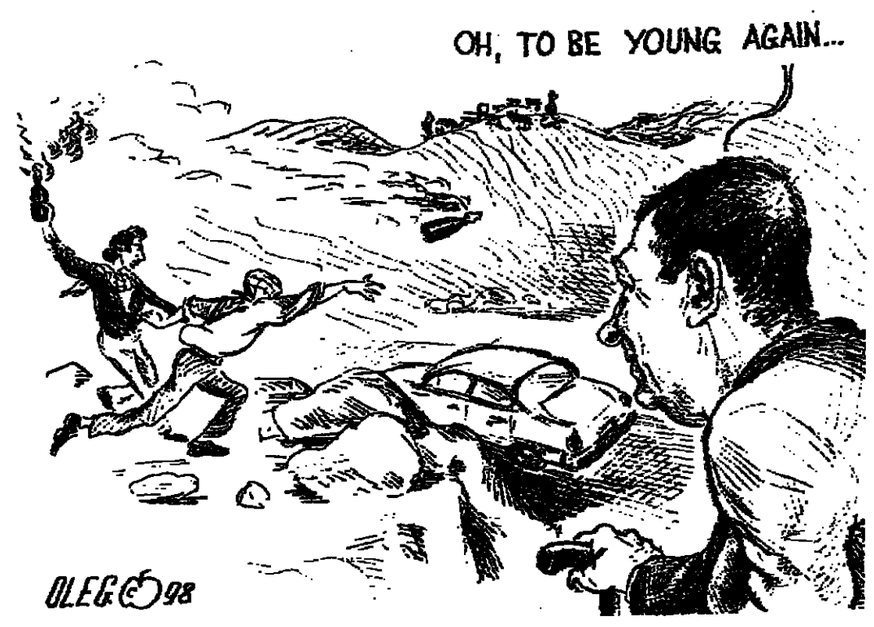
Milosevic may brand the Kosovo Liberation Army "terrorists" as much as he likes, but the present campaign smacks of the same attempted ethnic cleansing that so revolted the world in Bosnia. More than 50 people are reported killed so far with dozens more wounded – and since women and children are among them, Milosevic will have a hard job defining all the casualties as terrorists. The KLA's bid for independence may be wrong-headed, and its use of violence no more justified than that of ETA or the IRA, but what Belgrade appears to have launched is not a military operation but a KLA recruiting drive.

Western states have indicated they want a diplomatic solution to Kosovo and are backpedaling furiously on earlier vague threats to intervene. If the international community does not take tough action now, it will pay the price down the road as it has done in Bosnia. Milosevic last week sharply rejected a strong warning from Britain, the current president of the European Union, saying Kosovo is an internal matter of stopping terrorism. It is not so long ago that the same Serb leader branded Bosnians terrorists by virtue of being Moslem also.

By being Moslem and Albanian, the people of Kosovo cannot fully share nationalistic fervor of the Orthodox Serbs and must simply be allowed to run their own affairs within the framework of a united Serbian state. But Milosevic, like his war criminal allies in Bosnia, has for too long given the impression that the Serb answer to different cultures is to get rid of them. Life is not so convenient, and the world community must react forcefully this time to bring him to heel. It is unlikely world opinion will change his opinions, but world censure and sanctions certainly are capable of containing his excesses.

After all, this is Europe, and the Serbs have indicated their desperation to be part of the European community. There can be no place on this continent of peaceful democracies for any more Balkan barbarism, no tolerance for answering peaceful protests with guns and state-sanctioned thugs. Belgrade may not be a member of the European Union, but it is not above the accepted laws of the continent. The International Red Cross at the very least must be allowed in to Kosovo to monitor the situation – a request so far denied by the Serbs.

It is up to the foreign ministers in London tomorrow to make sure Milosevic gets an unequivocal message. Compromise from both sides over Kosovo's status is clearly indicated, and with tough foreign diplomatic pressure it should not be difficult to achieve. The most important lesson Milosevic must be taught is that different cultures may be untidy, awkward, even infuriating. But they are people just like everyone else. They cannot be cleansed, eliminated, or made to disappear every time some paranoid Serb leader says so.



Uncertain world

DAVID WEINBERG

Doesn't it seem that life lurches from one crisis to the next? Despite all the rules and laws we create to regulate, stabilize and give structure to our lives, you never know, especially here in Israel, what's going to hit next.

Our health, happiness and security are subject to whim, miscalculation, passion, the sudden, unforeseen, unexpected and absurd. We're not really in control.

It's the Naharayim murders anniversary, juxtaposed this week with Purim, that gets me reflecting on the existential realities and uncertainties of life. Weekly upheavals in the Mossad, gas mask crises that come and go, bolt-from-the-blue deaths by auto accident, class tours marred by terrorism and health frailties that jar us from serenity all add to my apprehension. We're not really in control.

The capriciousness of life is exactly what Purim is all about. The Megilla is a book of contradictions, filled with events that are unreasonable, coincidental, seemingly pure chance. At one moment Jews live in security in Persia; the next, they face destruction. Mordechai is threatened with execution; then, suddenly, he becomes prime minister.

Irrational events and moods transform fear into festivity. Everything gets turned upside down and opposite.

The late, great Rabbi J. B. Soleveitchik taught that even the name Purim (meaning *goral*, lottery or chance) expresses the erratic capriciousness of events. Purim alerts us, he explained, to the fickleness of life and man's susceptibility to accidental turns of fortune – despite the best laid plans.

But man's vulnerability is not simply a tragic truth, taught Soleveitchik. "It is an ethical postulate, that gives rise to modesty and humility in man... Instability serves to ennoble, to

This Purim, the capriciousness of life should teach us humility

dispel arrogance. The awareness of one's vulnerability, that there ever lurks a hovering threat which can transform our condition, that suddenly without reason, man can be cast down from the throne of success to the pit of despair – should enhance our ethical character."

In Israel these days, such humility seems to be in short supply. The rich and successful, and the politically powerful, exude a preening pride and overbearing self-confidence that leaves no room for self-criticism or self-doubt. Nor for God.

Israelis are, as a rule, absolutely certain that their individual viewpoint is absolutely correct, barring all others. So much for the Mishna, which reminds us to "be humble exceedingly" (Avot 4:4). And tolerance, which stems from humility, remains largely a foreign concept.

So it might be a good idea to force all our would-be leaders to hear the Megilla read aloud in synagogue this week. A little humble pie would do them, and us, plenty good.

THE PURIM STORY also provides an excellent lesson, to presidents, prime ministers and commoners, in understanding the link between providence and human endeavor.

The Megilla hints that beyond the intrigue of royal courtyards, and behind the politics of an Oval Office, lies a hidden hand operating on a transcendental plane. Beyond the grasp of man's finite mind, there *is* order and purpose. A higher divine order into which man has not been initiated. In short, what appears random, isn't.

Even now, with all the irresponsible, immoral and criminal behavior around us, God is engaged. Israel at 50 – uncertain of its identity and direction – is not alone.

Moreover, the saga in Shushan proves that divine decision-making can be influenced by virtuous and bold action; by wise leaders whose moral authority can unify and heal; and by sincere prayer. Leaders have the responsibility to act wisely, bravely and honestly – even though decisive control of history lies elsewhere. "Everything is in the hand of heaven," says the Talmudic sage Rabbi Chanina, "but man still possesses moral freedom" (Berachot 33b).

Thus the ultimate calculus is beyond us. Advantage and personal benefit we think should be the result of a given action remain uncertain. We're left with the moral imperative to do right because it is right. Along with the prayer that heaven will approve and provide stability in our uncertain world.

The writer comments on current affairs.

Build the railways

DANIEL BLOCH

The economy is on the verge of a deep recession. Economic growth is frozen, investments and exports are decreasing and unemployment is on the rise.

The blame lies with the policies of the government and the Bank of Israel. Some government advocates will put the blame mainly on the shoulders of the Bank's governor, Jacob Frenkel. However he does not operate in a vacuum. The government can overrule him, except in matters related to interest rates.

The prime minister and the minister of finance supported his stand; therefore they share the blame.

Some external forces contribute to the slowdown in the economy. First and foremost is the financial crisis in Southeast Asia. This had some minor influence on the Israeli scene, mainly in the diamond export market and in the slowdown of investments from Japan and Korea in Israel.

The most important factor is the stalemate in the peace process. The rapid increase in the economic growth in Israel really started after the Madrid Conference and even moreso since the signing of Oslo Accords.

The uncertainty that now exists both in the diplomatic arena and in the security situation is a hindrance for new investment initiatives. The reasons we need a breakthrough in the peace process go beyond the economic sphere, but undoubtedly any progress at the diplomatic table will bring major economic gains.

No less important is the most urgent need for dramatic changes in Bank of Israel policies. Frenkel wants Israel to move rapidly to the level of European rates of inflation. Theoretically he might be correct but the price for Israel is too high. Are we really ready for the German, French, or Italian high rates of unemployment and the social problems connected with them?

Israel does not yet enjoy the privilege of European security. We cannot afford the small percentage that their national budgets allocate for defense needs. They are countries without external enemies and in most cases with negligible threats to their own national survival. With such a high defense budget, we cannot reach the European rate of inflation without paying a much higher price in unemployment.

Economic growth must be a higher priority than low inflation, and full employment is one of the most important targets. No one wants to go back to the rampant inflation of the early 1980s, but moderate rates of inflation combined with the high growth rates of the early 1990s should be the preferred formula for our economic and social stability.

It will take time for resumption of the peace process or for a major change in economic policies to have beneficial results on the trends of growth, exports and employment. Therefore we need a quicker solution: investment in infrastructure.

We can invest immediately in improving our transportation infrastructure by modernizing our inter-urban railway system and by building a network of suburban railways in the central regions of the country, from Ashdod to Hadera, connected into a rapid transit system inside Tel Aviv.

This project is long overdue. The main obstacles are within the government bureaucracy and the shortsightedness of the Finance Ministry. Investment in public transportation systems is beneficial in many ways and has no drawbacks. It can be financed easily with foreign investments and loans. It stimulates employment, both directly and indirectly, by increasing industrial production in related industries, and it will contribute to solving social and environmental problems.

This is the only immediate remedy the government can choose, even over the objections of Frenkel or Neeman. The Shamir government lost the 1992 elections mainly because of the high rate of unemployment. It lost votes in development areas and among new immigrants, as they suffered the most from the poor economic conditions of that time.

High unemployment is a threat to the current government. Already there are winds of change in the new political coalition of Gesher, Yisrael Ba'aliya and Meretz being formed in preparation for the upcoming Histadrut elections. Those responsible for forging this new alliance are the first to understand that social and economic issues will determine the outcome of the next election more than the questions of peace and security.

The writer, a former editor of Davar, *comments on current affairs.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EINSTEIN IN HAIFA

Sir, – Additional information on Dan Izenberg's report of Einstein's visit to Palestine in 1923 (Feb. 24). Einstein visited the Technion in his capacity as chairman of Germany's Deutsches Kommitee fur das Technische Institut in Haifa. He was head of the first group of Friends of the Technion overseas.

On the occasion of his visit to the Technion in February, 1923, he and his wife planted two palm trees on the grounds. Both trees are still flourishing, and are appropriately signposted.

CARL ALPERT
Haifa.

A HELPING HAND

Sir, – I read in *The Jerusalem Post* about the tragedy of the Rappaport family and I was in shock.

I came to Israel in November 1990 with my old parents, 18-year-old son, 23-year-old daughter, and five-year-old granddaughter.

It was a very difficult time not only for immigrants from Russia, but for the whole country as well.

I knew nobody in this country. The language and the habits were different, but the people of Israel helped us. Volunteers came to every family and asked about the needs.

Among them were Estelle and Alan Orrelle from Ramat Hasharon. I don't know how I would have survived without their support. Many people visited their hospitable house and they offered all of them kind words, good advice and aid. All the members of this family and their relatives helped us with food and clothes, but most important was the moral support. Estelle and Alan taught us to love this country, to love and understand its people.

Later, other wonderful people – David and Noma Franklin, Norah and Henry Kremer – helped me find a job.

All my life I will be deeply thankful and very much obliged to these people and I am sure they are not the only ones who helped people in need.

RITA DINKIN
Sderot.

GRACE AND BEAUTY

Sir, – *Kol Hakavod* to Sam Orbaum for enabling us to see "Through Shimon's Eyes" (Feb. 23) and becoming acquainted with a hero of the Jewish people – not "only" for his incredible bravery and his sacrifice – but also, for the grace and beauty of his character.

May Shimon, his wife and their children have *nahat* from all their achievements, and may we be inspired to be as beautiful as they are.

MOSHE BERLIN
Jerusalem.

RABIES

Sir, – The recent rabies scare has caused a last-minute scramble to enforce laws which have been in existence for years. For reasons unexplained, the 'powers to be' have decided private vets can no longer distribute the red tags or issue the Official Registration (documenting rabies vaccination.) They still, however, are permitted to enter that this treatment has been given in the Treatment Booklet each animal receives.

A notice appeared at our settlement to ensure that all dogs and cats are immunized against rabies and to bring them to the local veterinary surgeon.

I took our cats' Treatment Books which are signed and stamped by the private vet. I was told that I had to pay NIS 77 for each animal just to receive the red numbered tag. When I protested that this seemed a large sum of money when the animals didn't need to receive the vaccine, he said the price is the same with or without the vaccine, and that next year I should permit him to do the immunization.

ANNE KAYE
Kedumim.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On March 8, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that principals of all secondary schools and teachers' seminars in Palestine agreed that pupils of 16 years of age and over may be released for work in Jewish settlements where there was great shortage of labor.

50 years ago: On March 8, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that the UN Palestine Commission will probably act within 25 days to establish a Provisional Government for the Jewish State – the Government Council would have its seat at UN Headquarters at Lake Success for the time being, and would function in cooperation with the UN Commission.

25 years ago: On March 8, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that New York police dismantled an elaborate set of explosives set to go off in the trunks of three cars parked outside the El Al terminal at Kennedy Airport, and near two Israeli bank offices in mid-town Manhattan.

Alexander Zvielli

The View From the East
DAOUD KUTTAB

A word of advice

Pa-ter-nal-ism 1 : a system under which an authority undertakes to supply needs or regulate conduct of those under its control in matters affecting them as individuals as well as in their relations to authority and to each other 2 : a policy or practice based on or characteristic of paternalism.
Merriam Webster Dictionary

I think of this term every time Israeli officials define what is best for Palestinians. A year and a half ago the Israeli mayor of Jerusalem tried to convince us that the opening of a tunnel in the Old City was "good for the Arabs." Yitzhak Mordechai attacked the Palestinian Authority, stating that they weren't doing what was best for their own cause.

But the real hero of Israeli paternalism is none other than the prime minister of Israel.

He always pontificates about what is best for Palestinians and Syrians and Lebanese. Rarely does a week pass without Mr. Netanyahu insisting that this or that "offer" is the best thing for Palestinians. He seems confused why Palestinians refuse to accept what is "in their best interest."

So Israeli officials know what is best for Palestinians in East Jerusalem. And pay no attention to what Palestinian Christians and their bishops say because Israel knows that the Palestinian Authority abuses them.

Last week was no exception: Netanyahu stated that no one except Israel wants Israel to withdraw from south Lebanon. And since the Arab world's self-imposed paternal figure knows best what is good for the Lebanese, it must be the best thing for them.

On the surface many of these paternalistic statements seem to make sense.

After all what is the problem with an innocent made-for-tourism tunnel? It is supposed to

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bring more business for Arab merchants. And what is wrong with Israel asking for a few conditions in order to implement UN Security Council resolution 425 even though it called for an "unconditional" withdrawal? After all, the Israelis are no longer asking for full-fledged negotiations and normalization with Lebanon and Syria.

And what is wrong with a 7% redeployment? Isn't that good for Palestinians?

The funny thing is that they always know what is best for the Arabs when they are trying to justify something they know is not in the Arabs' interest. We only knew that the tunnel was good for us, when people objected and when the Israelis are trying to gain Palestinian acquiescence to an unpopular decision.

One of the best theories that must be applied here is that people are the best experts on their own lives. No one knows about the problems and aspirations of the handicapped more than a handicapped person. The same applies to any sector of society, or to any national or ethnic group.

So no one knows about women better than women, no one know about the Japanese more than the Japanese and so on. Palestinians need no one to speak for them, least of all Israeli officials who are interested only in the American point of view and the way they are portrayed in the media.

Ariel Sharon spoke last week to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and pointed the finger at Palestinians for the lack of progress on the peace process. "Palestinians are trying to create a crisis atmosphere," he said, so that they can get the US to pressure Israel.

The implication, again, is that there is no crisis in the negotiations, that it is all a figment of the Palestinians' imagination. Therefore he, Sharon, infamous for his role in the Lebanon War, and the only Israeli minister of defense forced to resign by an Israeli commission into the Sabra and Shatilla massacre, knows what is best for Palestinians.

A word of advice to Israeli leaders: Do what is best for your people and let Palestinians decide what is best for them. We don't want your paternalism.

The best help Israelis can give Palestinians is to carry out their commitments in the peace process instead of wasting their time telling us what is good for us.

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Bronzes Rodin never saw

AT THE AUCTIONS

By MEIR RONNEN

A number of **Rodin** bronzes and drawings are on offer at Sotheby's New York this Wednesday. Like most Rodin bronzes on the market today, they were not cast in the artist's lifetime. These were cast by the Rodin Museum in the 1960s. One is a nude Balzac, the other a figure of Mercury (both $20,000-$30,000); there is also a fine Hand, just over 11 cms high ($8,000-$12,000). A Rodin of the Little Siren, a mermaid, cast in 1972, has an estimate of $25,000-$35,000). A few sculptural drawings by **Maillol** are also on offer.

Some lovely drawings by **Vuillard** and **Renoir** are also included in this sale. A delightful Vuillard pastel drawing of Fridette Patton at a table has a healthy estimate of $18,000-$25,000. The Renoir drawings of women and a **Degas** sketch of a galloping horse, widely reproduced, have roughly the same estimates.

A lovely lightly painted oil of a standing nude in the studio is a marvelously complete composition by **Henri Manquin**, originally purchased from the artist by the unerring Leo Stein and his sister Gertrude Stein around 1906; it comes from their estate. It's the sort of work that may have inspired the approach and palette of our own Liliane Klapisch. I predict this small canvas will top its best estimate of $40,000.

There are several fine portraits by **Raoul Dufy** in this sale but what caught my eye was a delightful watercolor of a Sicilian church, painted by Dufy in 1922 ($12,000-$16,000). There are two **Chagalls** in unusual techniques: a painting of lovers in tempera on masonite ($125,000-$175,000) and a pen-and-watercolor collage of circus figures ($30,000-$40,000).

A splendid doubled-side drawing by **Rouault** of Eve Dechoue and a man, in pastel over a monotype, has an estimate of $9,000-$12,000. Also of note is a bas-relief bronze by **Miro** with a splendid green and brown patina; it depicts a woman's face ($20,000-$30,000). Some minimalist ink drawings by Miró have top estimates of $8,000 each. A lovely and rare oil on paper of a bathing box scene by **Tsuguharu Fujita** is laid down on canvas ($25,000-$35,000). I must say that many of the 200 early modernist lots by second- and third-rate figures are unlikely to be in demand.

Among a further 175 contemporary lots in this sale (a number by artists who are deceased), is a lovely **Sam Francis** watercolor from 1961 (lot 227, $35,000-$45,000); a minimalist **Kenneth Noland** acrylic target from the same year and with more or less the same estimate; and an **Al Held** minimalist geometric work from 1967 ($30,000-$40,000). I wish I could bid for an **Alex Katz** oil of three cows, a superb and amusing oil from 1981 (lot 255, $50,000-$70,000). A painted little standing mobile by **Calder** runs to around $40,000.

Other notable offers in this sale are by **De Andrea, Dubuffet, Frankenthaler, Gottlieb, Hofmann, Kline, Lichtenstein, Rothko, Sherman, Twombly** and **Wegman.** There's a lot of stuff that won't sell too.

MOST OF the posters in Sotheby's London sale of film posters and memorabilia on March 18 are from Europe, chiefly Germany and date from the first half of this century. I suspect that all the 419 lots, including actors' costumes, will sell. The early posters and their typography are a perfect reflection of the taste of the '30s and of the worldwide influence of Hollywood romance and morals on society. Marlene Dietrich (all poor likenesses), Greta Garbo, Claudette Colbert, Jean Harlow, Wallace Beery and Clark Gable often appear. So does Humphrey Bogart. Remember Fay Wray and Bruce Cabot? There are two *King Kong* posters on offer, one from the Argentine (1933, £2,000-£3,000) the other from Sweden, a lithograph with an even higher estimate (up to £5,000). Among the more recent stars are Marilyn Monroe, Sean Connery, Roger Moore, Brigitte Bardot, John Wayne, Marlon Brando, Elvis Presley and Audrey Hepburn.

Not all are realistic: a splendid freehand poster of Charlie Chaplin and Jackie Coogan in *The Kid*, Germany, 1921, has an estimate of £3,000-£4,000. Another German color poster from 1921 by **Eckert** for the same film has an estimate of £6,000-£8,000, but some posters in this sale can be had for less than £200. Disney celluloids are also on offer, usually with top estimates of £1,500.

SOTHEBY'S PARIS has moved to the famous Galerie Charpentier in the Faubourg Saint Honoré at the corner of rue de Duras, right opposite the Elysée. Long one of the city's most aristocratic locations, the area saw the construction, in the 18th century, of many splendid mansions. The gallery was named for prewar dealer Jean Charpentier, who in 1933 handed it over to Raymond Nacenta. The gallery, also a venue for famous concerts, managed to mount major exhibitions even during the Occupation. After the war it hosted the most glittering luminaries of Parisian society and royal visitors at a series of major retrospectives and auctions. Important auctions have been held at this venue since 1929, ending in 1960.

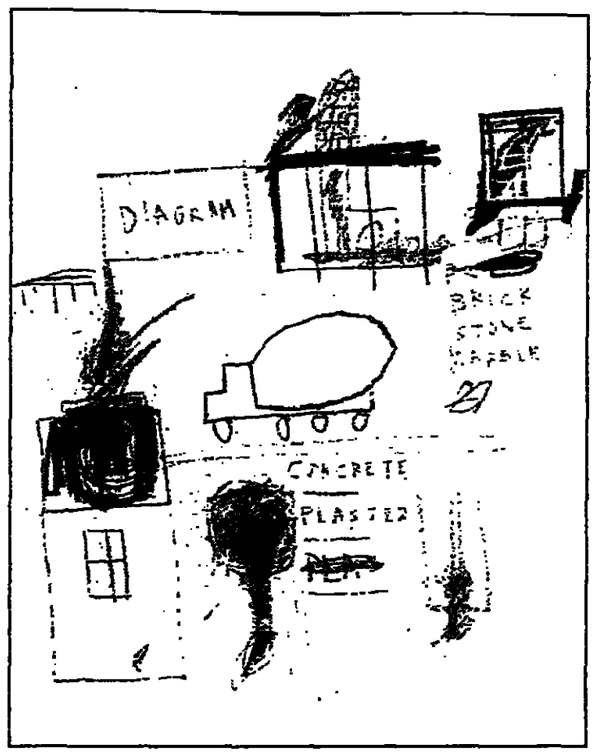
Sotheby's opened its Paris branch, next door, at 8 rue de Duras (named for the 18th-century aristocrat who purchased the site) back in 1967 but in 1974 moved to the rue de Miromesnil. It is now a tenant of Nacenta's daughter, the sole owner of the gallery. The Charpentier has an area of 2,500 sq. meters, a salesroom which seats 350 and magnificent Second Empire salons.

Incidentally, Sotheby's worldwide auction sales (excluding private treaty sales) in 1997 increased 15% to $1.8b., compared to $1.6b in 1996.

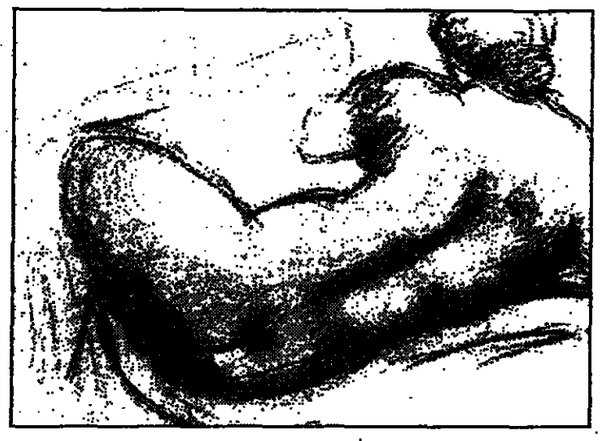
THE AUCTION of the contents of the home of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, consigned by owner Mohamed al Fayed, postponed last year following the deaths of Dodi al Fayed and Princess Diana, proved an enormous success late last month. The nine-day New York sale of 44,000 objects offered in 2,987 lots brought $23.25m., over three times its most optimistic estimate. There were over 30,000 pre-sale bids from 50 countries. Some 80% of the lots went to Americans. Youngest buyer was a 17-year-old American student who paid $460 for a silver plaque presented to the Duke by a London Hospital in 1926. Designers, stylists and opticians bid for clothing, hair designs and spectacles. A **Degas** landscape with a top estimate of $80,000 went to an American collector for $134,500. A still life by **Fernand Renard** with a top estimate of just $900 went for $40,250. The National Portrait Gallery purchased **Gerald Brockhurst's** 1939 portrait of the Duchess, commissioned by the Duke, for above its top estimate at $107,000, an auction record for this painter. The famous Abdication Desk, a George III mahogany library table on which Edward VIII signed the instrument of abdication, went to an anonymous phone bidder for $415,000, more than eight times its pre-sale estimate.

A SALE of clocks and watches at Sotheby's London previewed in a recent column did extremely well, with nearly 78% of the lots going for a total of £782,368. The Mudge and Dutton George III mahogany longcase clock we reproduced nearly doubled its low estimate to go to an anonymous buyer for £43,300. Several other clocks exceeded their estimates, attesting to continued interest in this field. Sales of mechanical musical and scientific instruments at this auction added another £83,938 and £158,073 respectively.

Auguste Rodin (1840-1917): 'Petite Sirene,' bronze, cast 1972 (Sotheby's New York, $25,000-$35,00)



Jean-Michel Basquiat (1961-88): 'Truck,' oilstick, ink and silver paint, 1985 (Sotheby's New York, $20,000-$25,000)



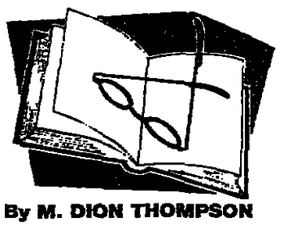
Aristide Maillol (1861-1944): 'Reclining Nude,' red chalk (Sotheby's New York, $12,000-$16,000)

'King Kong,' lithograph film poster, Argentina, 1933 (£2,000-£3,000 at Sotheby's London)

Black roots in the American West

AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE AMERICAN WEST. by Quintard Taylor (Norton, $29.95, 396 pp.)

Book Review



By M. DION THOMPSON

Often the history of blacks in America is told from a decidedly southern and eastern perspective, beginning with the 20 "negars" sold from a Dutch vessel in 1619 to the people of Jamestown, Virginia.

The painful, centuries-long drama of slavery, the heroism of the Underground Railroad and the Civil War, the hope of Reconstruction and the sad reality of Jim Crow, all seem to be acted out on this side of the Mississippi River.

That point of view persists in discussing this century. The Great Migration mentions Chicago, New York, Detroit and other northern cities as destinations. But thousands also moved to Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay area and Portland, Ore.

We know about Chicago Blues, the Harlem Renaissance, the post-World War II jazz scene along New York's 52nd Street. Equally exciting and influential, though less well-known, were the "territory bands" of the Southwest, the blues-influenced jazz of Kansas City and the "cool" style of West Coast jazz.

In this exhaustive, informative volume, Quintard Taylor squeezes in as much as he can of the 450-plus year history of black life on the other side of the Mississippi.

He is well-suited to this daunting task. A professor of history at the University of Oregon, Taylor has written numerous articles on the subject and published *The Forging of a Black Community*, which recounts the life of Seattle's black community from 1870 through the civil rights era.

In Search of the Racial Frontier seeks to fill in the blanks in Americans' national memory.

For generations, Hollywood owned the West. The history was told in stories about courageous settlers and their wagon trains traveling through hostile Indian country with only the US cavalry's pony soldiers to protect them.

Of course, we now know better. But how much more do we know?

FOR TAYLOR, the black presence in the West begins with two small boats washed ashore on the Texas coast in November 1528. The survivors were all that remained of Panfilo de Narvaez's expedition to find a city of gold.

Among them was Esteban, a slave from Azamor, Morocco. He was the first known African in what we call "the West," and he died an explorer's death.

On a subsequent expedition he tried to enter a Zuni village near the present-day Arizona-New Mexico border. The elders told him to stay away. But, with a conquistador's arrogance, he ignored their warning.

Taylor's book is full of such stories. They pass by at a dizzying rate. The centuries of New Spain are followed by an examination of slavery in the West, particularly east Texas and, surprisingly, among the Indian nations of what later became Oklahoma.

The Cherokee, Chickasaw and Choctaw had their own prejudices and instituted black codes as onerous as those of the slave South. Elsewhere there were small settlements, often segregated from their white counterparts.

Yet, they thrived, became full-fledged communities with social clubs and newspapers.

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The most profound changes come with World War II and its aftermath.

Taylor quotes one aviation worker as saying, "Hitler was the one that got us out of white folks' kitchen." The war brought opportunity and jobs by the thousands in the shipyards, aircraft and munitions plants.

Afterward, there were early civil rights victories and sit-ins. And in 1954, there was Brown vs. The Board of Education of Topeka.

The West gave us that landmark blow against segregation. It also gave us the Watts Riots of 1965 and the Black Panthers, expressions of frustration and rage. The West, after all, was not the promised land.

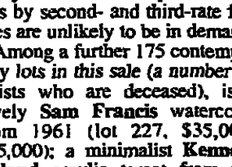
The main drawback here is that *In Search of the Racial Frontier* is an overview. Consequently, much has to be skimmed. Taylor does his best with this dilemma, but some snippets are so tantalizing, so surprising, we beg for just a little more information.

Satisfying that hunger would require a book 10 times the length of Taylor's work. But the curious are not left high and dry. Taylor's notes and bibliography number 78 pages.

With its maps, photos, population charts and, most importantly, its stories, *In Search of the Racial Frontier* fills in some gaps and points the way for further exploration. (The Baltimore Sun)

'One bad harvest away from chaos'

Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul

The attempt to predict future trends usually goes along with the inclination to try to extrapolate from history.

Unfortunately, however, when the subject is global economic growth, the consumption of natural resources or growth of the world's population over the next 50 years, history simply offers no precedent.

In just five decades, well within the lifetime of millions still living, the use of wood has more than doubled and the use of paper seen a six-fold increase. Fish consumption has gone up fivefold, and water consumption has tripled. So has the consumption of grain.

Over this same period the demand for steel has shown a fourfold upswing, fossil fuel consumption has gone up fivefold and air and water pollution about seven- to eightfold.

The economy, the population load and the burden of consumption of natural resources continues to expand, but the ecosystem on which all of it is based does not. Inevitably this leads to a stressed relationship between the two sides of the picture.

For decades developing states have viewed the conspicuous consumption of the Western world – most particularly of the US – as a model to be emulated, a lifestyle to be struggled for.

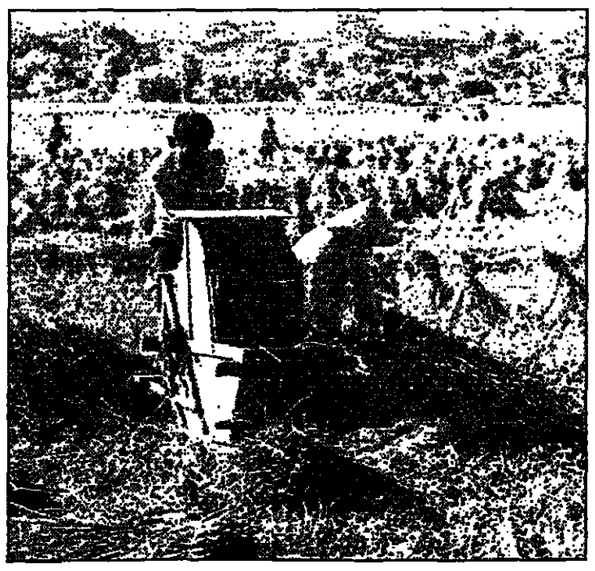
But there is probably no place where this model is patently so inadequate as in the rapidly developing economy of China.

Growing at an unprecedented rate, China is, as Lester Brown from the World Watch Institute in Washington put it, "actually telescoping history."

Brown goes on to say that "China is teaching us that the Western industrial development model will not work for [it] because there are not enough land, water or energy sources available in the world for everyone in China to consume at US levels."

China has already surpassed US levels of per-capita pork consumption; and while beef consumption is still low – only 4 kilograms per person annually – a higher living standard has raised expectations, with a consequent climb in beef consumption.

If the Chinese consumed beef at US levels (45 kg. per year per person) it would take 343 million tons of grain to produce the 49 million tons of beef per year that would be needed. This equals the US's entire grain production.



China is teaching us that the Western industrial development model will not work. (Haim Shapiro)

But grain-producing countries are already at a low point of productive yield, considered "just one bad harvest away from chaos in the world grain markets." The same statistics are basically true of world production of fossil fuels, wood and water, to name just some commodities.

Many critics say any attempt to brake the headlong rush is tantamount to a call to stop the economic growth. Worst of all, they say, it constitutes discrimination against the newly developing economies in favor of the established industrialized ones.

But this, say some of the world's leading eco-economists, is a fallacy. What is needed is reform worldwide, reform that will allow for steady economic growth within a sustainable system.

Among the many factors that enter into any discussion of any such reform is rapid population growth, land, water and resource depletion, throw-away economies and wasteful industrial practices.

All these will be dealt with in future articles aimed at explaining how we can – indeed must – work to attain a sustainable environmental economy.

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Multilingual translation on the screen

Disk-covery

By Judy Siegel Itzkovich

WordPoint, a multilingual dictionary for Microsoft Windows 95, on CD-ROM, by Kivun/Accent (Jerusalem), for all ages, NIS 199.
Rating: ★★★★½.

In a world growing increasingly smaller due to computer links and telecommunications, English is firmly taking over as the prime language. This forces many people weak in the language to seek out translations into their mother tongue, but in the age of Internet, this help must arrive in real time.

Accent, which has sold its multilingual word-processor programs around the world, have now combined Hebrew, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Dutch and – of course – English dictionaries on a CD-ROM to give immediate, word-by-word translation of any text that appears on the screen. Arabic is due to appear shortly.

Using optical character recognition and text-to-speech technology, the program translates between English and one other language at a time. Unfortunately, you can't define a whole page or even a paragraph and ask WordPoint to translate it; it works only one word at a time.

Just click the mouse at the word on your screen or let the cursor point at it, and a window opens to provide the translation. A menu is filled in to instruct the program to function all the time or only when called; to show one or several definitions; to translate upon clicking or pointing and for how many seconds. The program can be temporarily deactivated at any time.

One of the impressive features is that any text font – even bold underlined – or size can be recognized by the program. You can ask for a translation of material on a diskette or CD-ROM, of a word-processed text and even the Internet – anything that appears on the screen. It sounds out the word, in a male or female voice: it even pronounces "kibbutz" properly, with the second syllable emphasized.

Two years in planning and production, WordPoint is for people who know a foreign language to some degree, but need help. If you don't know a language at all, the process of pointing or clicking would be too tedious.

The program uses American spelling of English, but an Oxford translation will be available eventually in an upgrade.

Since the program came on the market in September (it is sold here by Havaya Computers, (02) 648-0137, and via the Book Department of *The Jerusalem Post*). WordPoint has attracted much attention and more than 100,000 copies have been sold. The Foreign Ministry has ordered copies to try it out, as have the Postal Authority and El Al, among others.

There is also a system disk for installing on a server for use by many employees or pupils.

Mac users will be disappointed, however, as the system works only on Windows 95-equipped PCs that are IBM compatible.

Eich Osim Tefillin? (How Are Phylacteries Made?), a CD-ROM in Hebrew, by Beit El Tefillin (Tel. 02-997-5158), for all ages, but especially for bar-mitzva-age boys. NIS 149
Rating: ★★★★½

Looking at a pair of phylacteries – small black boxes with straps – one would think making them is a simple procedure. But because they must be handmade, with only minimal assistance from mechanical tools and no mechanical printing on the parchment, with every detail strictly set down by Halacha, producing tefillin is actually a complicated process.

This CD-ROM, produced by a commercial firm located in Beit El, might have been made as an electronic advertisement for its products. Instead, company director Yishai Ba'abad overcame the temptation and instead oversaw the production of this highly professional piece of edutainment, which shows how phylacteries are made.

The well-designed CD-ROM shows the whole process in 14 steps, using text, photographs and even video film. Up-to-date graphic elements such as fade-ins, automatic scrolling and lines of text deposited sequentially on the screen are also used, giving the material a very modern look.

Even with regard to tefillin, the Jewish people can't seem to agree, and there are various customs followed by different communities.

Most hassidim prefer the Hebrew letter "shin" on the tefillin box (representing one of God's names) to be produced as a raised figure in the style set by Rabbi Yitzhak Luria (the Ari) of Safed; non-hassidic Ashkenazim use the style of Beit Yosef; Oriental communities use a Sephardi style; while Habad hassidim have their own variation.

The appearance of the text on the parchment and even the type of quill used also differs, and the program explains all of these options.

Did you know that leather is softened with wet absorbent cotton before the "shin" is imprinted in it? That the completed, compartmentalized box holding separate pieces of parchment is abraded with sandpaper to make the black paint sink in?

After describing the making of the boxes and the parchment in much interesting detail, the program explains exactly how they should be worn on the head and arm, using a bar-mitzva boy as a model. To top it all off, there is a multiple-choice quiz on the material.

Based on this model, other companies that manufacture products via a complicated but interesting process would well be advised to produce infotainment like this, and even consider handing it out free.

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Internet use up on Capitol Hill

By BILL MCALLISTER

They're not ready to call it Cyber Hill, but a growing number of Capitol Hill lawmakers are regularly surfing the Net. Republicans there are proving to be more computer friendly than Democrats, and senators are more likely to be found at their video screens than representatives.

Those are among the conclusions of an American University survey of Internet use by members of Congress. The survey was conducted by America's Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies.

The researchers found widespread acceptance of the Internet and electronic e-mail messages in Capitol Hill offices, according to an advance copy of the report. More than 90 percent of the 270 offices surveyed reported they used both the Internet and e-mail message systems, and researchers predicted the amount of usage would grow dramatically.

While the survey found that congressional offices are using the Internet for "substantive information" such as securing texts of proposed bills, reports and other government-related information, the lawmakers do not appear to be using it to secure information about the positions of special-interest groups. That might disappoint some lobbyists.

"I was surprised at almost everything," said survey director James Thurber, a political science professor who teaches a course in "high-tech lobbying techniques." He created the study in hopes of securing data on the growing use of the Internet.

"We didn't have a lot of data," Thurber said. "We felt we needed to know more about something that was happening before our eyes, and happening very rapidly." But the professor said he was surprised how widespread Internet use has become – 58 percent of the lawmakers reported using the Net themselves – and that 90 percent of offices receive e-mail messages.

(Every Knesset member has an Internet-connected computer in his or her office and may have one installed at home; in addition, all MKs have been invited to take a course on the Internet. But MKs' assistants have shown themselves to be much heavier users than the average MK.)

Among Thurber's other surprises: The gap between the large number who receive e-mail and the few who use it to respond. Most prefer to use the US Postal Service — "snail mail" – to send a reply. Reason: They believe constituents prefer an answer on a congressional letterhead to a computer message printout.

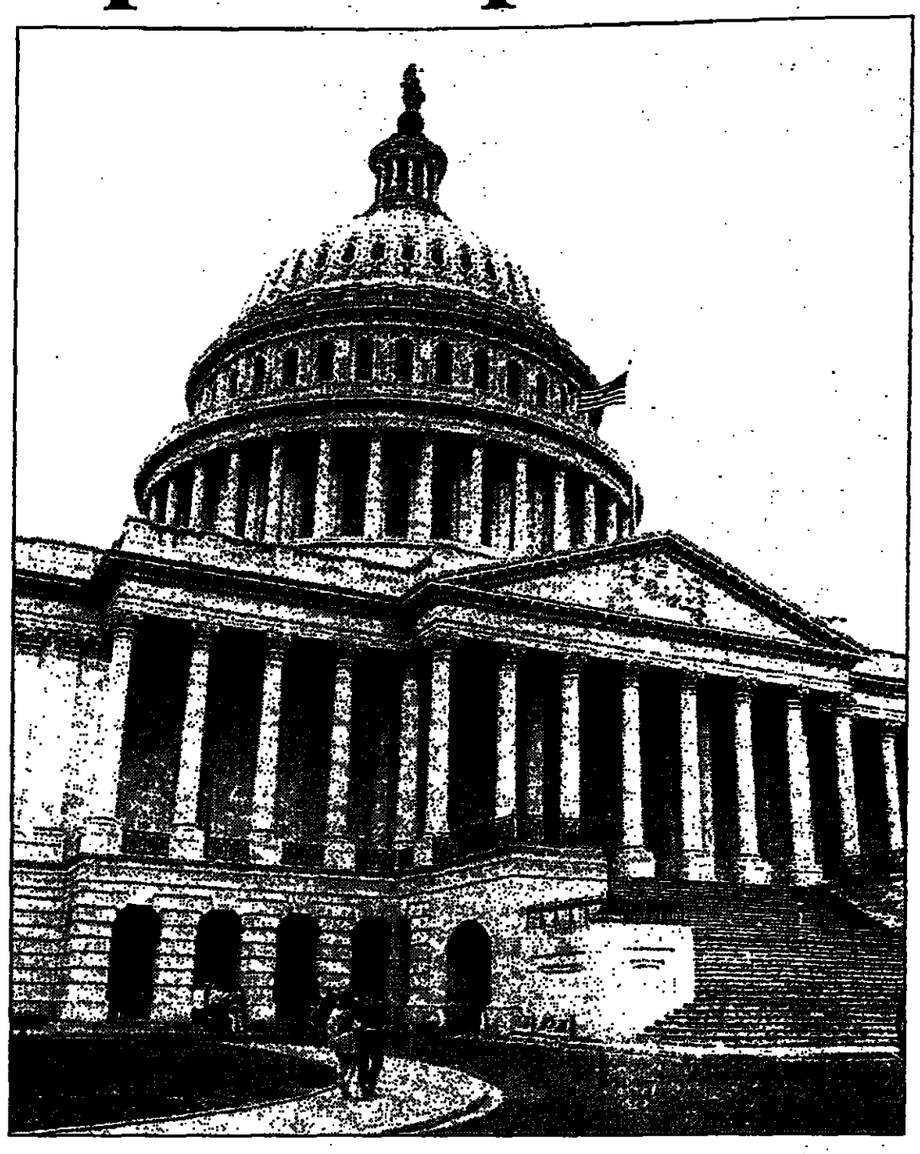
Thurber described computer-generated lobbying efforts as a "growth business" and predicted the practice could grow as more large groups, such as the US Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers, turn to the Internet to mount grass-roots lobbying campaigns.

The survey of 270 congressional offices found that 62 percent of Republican lawmakers interviewed use the Internet, compared with 53 percent of the Democrats. Seventy-three percent of the senators surveyed said they used the Internet, compared with 52 percent of their colleagues in the House. Newer members were more likely to use the Net than senior members.

The survey found most Capitol Hill workers expect use of the Internet will explode. Although the current volume of e-mail messages is light – fewer than 50 messages a week at the average office – compared with the volume of letters arriving, most staff members described e-mail in glowing terms, saying they like its speed and low cost.

The survey was funded by Bonner & Associates, a Washington lobbying firm that specializes in creating so-called grass-roots lobbying campaigns. Thurber said the firm had no role in conducting the survey, or in drawing conclusions from it.

(The Washington Post)



Republicans on the Hill are proving more computer-friendly than Democrats. (David Brauner)

Utility cabinet that says 'Happy Birthday'

New Worlds

By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Electric-meter reading is yet another profession to be rendered obsolete in the digital era.

The Electric Corporation says that "in the foreseeable future," on-line, computerized meters that not only register how much power your home has used but send you "Happy Birthday" greetings will come into widespread use.

The latest issue of the EC's monthly magazine *Hashmal* reports that people will one day be opening the doors of the utility cabinet outside their homes to get information directly from – you might say – the horsepower's mouth.

The digital reader will inform you when the cheapest power rates are so you can turn on electricity-guzzling appliances then and save money. Press the button to find out how much your next electricity outlay will be.

The system, says Natan Zeltzer, head of the EC's communications and electronics unit, is based on two-way computer communications systems – from the EC to the customer, and from the customer to the corporation. Yelling at the meter when you get an "outrageously high" bill would, however, be useless.

Conventional analog electric meters won't be phased out immediately, Zeltzer adds. "We have much ground to cover until these sophisticated readers are installed," he says.

But an interdepartmental team has prepared the technical specifications for the digital devices. The EC's director-general has approved the project, and a tender will soon be issued.

Yitzhak Mashiah, director of the equipment development team, adds that the system has many advantages. It eliminates the need to send people to visit every home in the country every two months to mark down their power consumption. It also informs consumers immediately of the intent to shut down power due to non-payment of bills or technical problems.

The system will also automatically prevent consumers from increasing their power supply illegally beyond set limits, such as by connecting neighbors' power lines to their own. The fuse will automatically disconnect, says Mashiah.

Such monitors, connected to a central computer, are already used in some countries abroad instead of conventional water and electricity meters.

"All the latest gadgets can be applied here as long as they are economically viable," he added.

By the end of this year some 20,000 computerized meters will be installed for 20,000 industrial and commercial consumers who use large amounts of power. Household consumers will be next in line.

SCIENTIFIC INVESTMENT BOOM

Some $600 million worth of products developed at the Weizmann Institute of Science were sold in 1997. Nearly half of these were exported by Israeli companies, according to a survey conducted by an independent accounting firm.

The survey was aimed at examining the influence of Weizmann Institute research on the economy.

Fifteen companies have been directly established to produce and market products resulting from research at the Rehovot institute, 13 of them by Yeda, the institute's research-and-development arm. But a much larger number of existing companies have been licensed to handle the fruits of Weizmann research projects.

All these companies had a total of 5,300 employees last year – 1,000 of them new immigrants.

Kiryat Weizmann, the country's first industrial park for startup companies, was founded 31 years ago and now has 70 firms within its borders not far from the institute. Yitzhak Forer of the accountancy firm that conducted the survey said that the findings "testify to the fact that investing in scientific research, as has been done by the Weizmann Institute, greatly promotes economic activity, especially in exports and investments.

"Putting one dollar in scientific research produces many more dollars in industrial activity and functions like a railroad engine that pulls the rest of the economy after it."

BEZEQ'S NUDNIK

All but 50,000 regular phone lines in the country can now take advantage of Bezeq's *41 ("nudnik") service, which redials a busy number until it answers. Bezeq has started a major publicity campaign explaining the free service, which was launched in a handful of telephone exchanges in 1994.

After getting a busy or call-waiting signal, the caller puts down the receiver and then picks it up again to dial *41. The telephone exchange automatically calls back with the requested number on the line when it is no longer engaged. The "nudnik" is in force for a maximum of 30 minutes; before that, one can cancel it by dialing *61.

Bezeq says the remaining 50,000 lines will be hooked up to the option within a few months.

Subscribers who cannot yet use *41 because their telephone exchange is not a Telrad TMX 100 model are currently being informed by an explanatory note from Bezeq.

The service is not yet available via cellular phones, overseas calls or phone extensions in institutions and businesses.

EARTH-SHATTERING THEORY

Oceans, and not only wind currents and land distribution, make Earth wobble like a *dreidl*.

That's the conclusion of a new study which examines why Earth's pole of rotation wiggles slightly in relation to its crust.

Scientists have long suspected that wind and the continents' location contribute to the planet's gyrations; but research by three Massachusetts scientists, reported in *Nature*, suggests that water also plays a major role.

The researchers used computer models to show how the oceans literally push Earth around, albeit slightly.

Seas press against continents and large ocean currents rub against each other in a way that creates a slight drag in Earth's rotation, lead researcher Rui Ponte of Atmospheric and Environmental Research Inc. reports. As a result, there is a tiny wobble – a shift of no more than a few meters – that varies according to a seasonal cycle.

No earthlings can feel this – but the shifts in polar rotation add up over the millennia and could affect climactic changes.

Ponte, who says scientists now understand the phenomenon much better, is still looking for a "missing power" in addition to wind and water. This could be large amounts of groundwater inside Earth's crust, he suggests; but it might simply be that scientists' calculations are slightly off.

Aimed at tighter control of the US-Mexican border, the idea of the new cards chills some libertarians. (David Rubinger)

Big Brother on the border?

By WILLIAM BRANIGIN

Millions of American border-crossing cards are being replaced with state-of-the-art documents that use compact-disk technology to store information. This is aimed at tightening control of the US-Mexican border.

The replacements, called "laser visa" cards, will have security features intended to make them much more difficult to counterfeit than the vulnerable border-crossing cards, about 5.5 million of which are estimated to be in circulation. Like the old cards, the new ones are to be issued only to Mexicans.

But while officials tout the card-replacement program as a valuable tool in the fight against immigration fraud, immigrants' rights groups question the increased cost to applicants and the government's ability to handle the huge caseload. And the very idea of the new cards is sending chills up the spines of some libertarians, who fear that it means "Big Brother" is making inroads on the southwestern border.

For 40 years, border-crossing cards have been issued to Mexicans who live along the 2,000-mile border and need to cross frequently for business or family reasons. The cards allow travel up to 40 kilometers inside the US and stay for up to 72 hours. They do not permit employment on the American side. At least five versions of the card have been issued, all but the latest with no expiration date. Many have decades-old photographs and are easily used by impostors.

Over the years the cards have become one of the most counterfeited US documents, allowing untold thousands of illegal immigrants to enter the country from Mexico, officials say. The problem prompted Congress to write into the 1996 immigration legislation a mandate for a secure new machine-readable card with "biometric identifiers" such as fingerprints.

Starting April 1, the State Department will take over from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and begin issuing the new laser visa, and all border-crossing cards will expire on Sept. 30, 1999. The State Department plans to issue the first laser visas at the US consulate in Ciudad Juarez, across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Texas. Within the next several months, they are to become available at the US Embassy in Mexico City and all US consulates in Mexico.

The credit-card sized laser visa will show the holder's name and photograph on the front, and the back will have a mirror-like "optical stripe," which can hold a lot of information and be read by a laser device, much like a compact disc player. Embedded in the optical stripe will be the person's biographical data, digital photograph and fingerprints and a State Department control number.

The information will show up on a computer screen when an inspector at the port of entry swipes the card through a machine as if it were a credit card. If the digital photo does not match the one on the front of the card and the face of the person presenting it, the inspector will know it is fake, INS spokesman Donald Mueller said. The laser visa will cost $45, compared with $26 for the conventional card, and will be valid for 10 years.

Joel Najar, an analyst for the National Council of La Raza, an advocacy group for Americans of Hispanic descent, said immigrants' rights advocates worry that many poorer Mexicans may not be able to afford the new card. He also cited concerns that the laser visa may be paving the way for a concept dreaded by libertarians: a "national ID card" for US citizens. INS officials dismissed such fears.

(The Washington Post)

So what kind of shape are Israelis in?

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Life's ups and downs are an important individual health factor – and certainly families that lose a loved one in Lebanon, in a road accident or in a terror attack are forever affected.

But in contrast, it seems that national stress – over terror threats, border incursions, even the threat of missile-borne biological warfare – do not affect the average Israeli's health.

So says Dr. Orna Bar-On Epel, editor of the first-ever comprehensive report on Israeli health, recently issued in Hebrew by the Health Ministry's Israel Center for Disease Control.

The ICDC's 366-page volume, called *Matzav Habriut Be'Yisrael*, is being translated into English. It is due to be published in a few months for the even-wider English-speaking audience, especially in the World Health Organization and among public health experts in the US and Europe.

About 1,000 copies have been printed, evoking much interest among the ministry's medical decision makers, in local authorities and health funds, and in the medical schools. In fact, says ICDC director Prof. Manfred Green, every medical student should go through the report for a good overview of Israeli national health.

"It shows that Israel's national health is very good, certainly in comparison to the US and even to Europe," says Green, a South African-born expert on epidemiology and public health who also teaches at the Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine.

The Hebrew-language edition, sold by the center (tel. (03) 534-9595, 535-0396) at cost for NIS 80, is the result of two years' meticulous labor.

"It took a lot of effort, since the ICDC was established only in 1994, and data collection before that was sporadic, says Green. He notes that now "it's more centralized."

Among the report's interesting findings:

• Infant mortality has dropped during the last 20 years by 70%; it is lower than in the US, but somewhat higher than the average in Western Europe.

• Over 65% of all deaths in Israel are due to cardiovascular and cardiocerebral diseases and cancers.

• Cancer and accidents are the main cause of death before the age of 65.

• The average Israeli woman will give birth to 2.88 children during her lifetime: among Jews the average is 2.56, Moslems 4.69, Christians 1.81 and Druse 3.51.

• The number of births of children with Down syndrome has dropped significantly during the past decade due to genetic tests during pregnancy. Just 40 such infants were born to Jewish families in 1992 and 48 to Arabs and other minorities.

In a first-ever widesweeping report Israel's national health looks very good compared to the US – even to Europe

• In 1994, 5,837 men and 5,557 women died of heart disease in Israel. The number of coronary bypass operations increased from 1,236 in 1985 to an astounding 5,722 in 1996.

• Twenty-two percent of all deaths in 1995 resulted from cancers, and there were 14,800 new diagnoses of cancer among Israelis in 1994.

Breast cancer was the most frequent type in women (with a much lower incidence among Arab women than Jews); prostate cancer was most common among Jewish men and lung cancer among Arab men.

• The incidence of asthma is increasing; it now affects 2.5% of the population (or 144,000) and in 1994 was responsible for the deaths of 143 people, including four children.

• Diabetes is more common in Israel than in Europe, with 3 to 6.7% of the population affected, including 800 children with insulin-dependent diabetes.

• Dental health: Children in first grade had an average of 2.7 to 3.6 cavities; and nearly half of the population live in areas with optimal levels of fluoride in the drinking water.

• About a quarter of the population are overweight – the proportion increases with age, especially among women. (In a survey half of all adults reported pursuing sports activities at least once or twice a week. Teenage girls are less likely to exercise than their male counterparts.)

• Thirty percent of men and 25% of women smoke. Smoking among Arab men is disproportionately high, with the resultant high rate of lung cancer. But the smoking rate in the general population has dropped by 30% during the last two decades.

ICDC, located at the Gertner Institute at Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer, was modeled after the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, but has only 50 mostly part-time staffers compared to the American institution's 3,000.

Comments Green: "Of course the facility in Georgia includes a lot of lab activity, examining microorganisms brought from all over the US and the world, while our lab work is done in certain hospitals. But when we grow we will undoubtedly get involved in disease prevention, not only control." The center has a few dozen advisers, most of them hospital physicians and public-health experts.

In the past the ministry didn't get enough professional input from academics, Green says, adding that now they've been included in the decision-making process.

"For example, Prof. Jeremy Kark of the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Public Health and Community Medicine in Jerusalem runs the registry on heart attacks. Prof. Baruch Modan of TAU runs the cancer registry. There is also a trauma registry and a very-low-birth-weight registry that provides us with information.

Braving a blood test: Infant mortality has dropped by 70% over the last two decades. (Israel Sun)

"The data on most of these is completely anonymous, but diseases that are legally reportable – certain infectious diseases or cancer – have information on names. Of course," Green adds, "access to that information is strictly limited."

Now that the ICDC has a good information base it plans to update it every two years and put some of the report on the Health Ministry's Internet site. (Today it appears in only a preliminary version.) It also intends to put out specialized reports: The first, now being compiled, is on cancer mortality and morbidity. A national nutrition survey will be conducted later this year.

The ministry was very slow to collect and use health statistics, Green says. And once they started amassing data systematically, there was "a gap between available data and willingness to set policies using the data.

"But now senior ministry staffers are very attuned to it. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza has read the book; director-general Prof. Gabi Barabash, a public health expert, is very attuned to the subject, as are associate directors-general Dr. Boaz Lev and Dr. Yehoshua Shemer.

THE HEALTH gap between the Jewish and Arab sector has been reduced in absolute terms, says Bar-On Epel. However, because of heavy smoking among Arab men, heart disease is relatively high and rising in frequency, at the same time that it has declined among Jewish males.

Bar-On Epel added that Arab physicians who have studied her report have started up a group on minority health, with the aim of promoting disease prevention.

Diabetes has shown up as a major problem among Arab women, but cervical and breast cancer rates in this sector are among the lowest in the world.

But as Arab women have fewer children and as nutritional habits become more westernized, Bar-On Epel predicts that their disease rates will become more like those of Jewish Israelis.

In general, says Bar-On Epel, the report reflects Israel's "fantastic jump in 50 years from being a Third World country to being a developed one. "We have a great deal to be proud of," she concludes.

"When all's said and done, people have to die from something – but they are dying later, [albeit] from different diseases than they did in 1948."

Some researchers believe dental bacteria may trigger blood clots that can obstruct coronary arteries. (Isaac Harari)

Brush your teeth – it could be good for your heart

By DANIEL Q. HANEY

Could diligent flossing and brushing lower the risk of a heart attack? It's not as odd as it might sound.

Some researchers think the same bacteria that rot the gums might be causing harm elsewhere in the body. Surveys show that people with bad teeth and gums also tend to have more heart trouble, and circumstantial evidence is accumulating that this is more than a coincidence.

The latest piece of supporting data was presented at a recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. A researcher said his animal experiments suggested some strains of the most common bacteria that build up on teeth could trigger blood clots.

"Our data suggest that bacteria may cause blood clots that can actually obstruct coronary arteries," said Dr. Mark Herzberg of the University of Minnesota. That could lead to heart attacks, which occur when blood clots get stuck in heart arteries already clogged with cholesterol.

Others suggest that even if dental bacteria are not harmful, the body's reaction to them could be.

People with periodontal disease have a lifelong simmering infection that causes chronic inflammation of the gums. In response, their bodies release a slow, steady stream of potent germ-killing chemicals that might in themselves be harmful.

About three-quarters of adults over age 35 have some degree of periodontal disease, a painless condition that often gives off few warnings except, perhaps, red gums and bleeding when brushing. Under the surface, however, are pockets of infection containing billions of bacteria. If this oozing mess was out where it could be seen, it would be a bone-deep sore the size of the palms of both hands.

When bacteria build up on the teeth, they form an invisible layer called plaque. The most common form of germ in dental plaque is *Streptococcus sanguis*. Herzberg found that about 60 percent of all strains of *S. sanguis* are capable of making the blood clot in a test tube.

In experiments on rabbits, Herzberg found that when one strain of *S. sanguis* was injected into their blood, it made clots form for about a half-hour. Electrocardiograms showed the clotting was bad enough to slow the flow of blood in heart arteries and deprive the heart muscle of all the oxygen it needed.

Ordinarily a bodily protein called collagen can make blood clot; Herzberg said the bacteria have structures on their surface that look just like collagen, and clotting cells in the bloodstream mistake these for the real thing.

The bacteria may carry this pseudo-collagen as a kind of camouflage, Herzberg said. It fools the immune system into letting the bacteria pass as though it were a normal part of the body.

Large-scale studies suggest that those with bad gums and teeth have about double the usual risk of dying from heart disease.

Proving that gum disease is to blame is difficult. Heart disease and periodontal disease are both especially common among the poor. Some experts wonder if bad gums are simply a sign of poverty in people with heart trouble, and not a cause of their troubles. At least three more big studies are under way to help settle this.

But work so far suggests that bad gums could be as strong a risk factor for heart attacks as smoking cigarettes, which is blamed for about 40,000 heart-related deaths a year.

Over the past two decades, deaths from heart disease have been declining. Better diets and treatments probably account for some of this. But Herzberg believes there may be another explanation – better dental care.

(AP)

Anthrax defense: Still a US priority

By STEVE VOGEL

Inside the windowless lab at the US Army medical facility in Maryland where she helps research the deadly anthrax spore, Tammy Lewis feels a faint sense of deja vu.

"I was hired seven years ago during the last Gulf War because they needed people to help with the research," said Lewis, a 30-year-old technician at Fort Detrick, Maryland. "When a situation like this happens, it hits home."

It hits home because Fort Detrick is the focal point for US efforts to defend against biological warfare. The innocuous-looking installation in the foothills of the Catoctin Mountains near the city of Frederick is home to the US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases.

As the Defense Department's lead laboratory for the medical aspects of biological defense, the institute develops vaccines, drugs and diagnostics to protect US troops from biological warfare agents, including anthrax and botulinum toxin. It also directs military training for managing biological casualties. Its expertise goes beyond the military, however.

Following the arrest in Las Vegas recently of two men charged with possessing anthrax, the FBI turned to the institute for help in testing the material seized from the men. The lab found that the material was harmless, and the suspects were released.

With the ongoing situation in Iraq, the work done at Fort Detrick had taken on increased prominence even before the arrests in Las Vegas.

"We've been real busy here in the last couple of months," said Carol Linden, chief of research programs.

Before UN Secretary-General Koffi Anan negotiated an agreement over UN inspections, institute scientists were busy examining the vaccine with which the Pentagon plans to inoculate all US troops.

"There have been questions about the effectiveness of the vaccine," said Col. Arthur Friedlander, chief of the bacteriology division.

The concern is based partly on recent reports that a genetically engineered form of anthrax has been developed in Russia. The institute is trying to obtain samples to test whether the organism might be immune to the current vaccine, Friedlander says. "It is of some concern to us," he said.

There are no indications that Iraq has also developed this organism.

The institute, the largest bio-containment facility in the US, employs 450 military and civilian workers, including about 100 doctoral-level scientists with specialties in fields such as pathology, toxinology and virology. Anyone can drive onto the base, but once inside the building, access is restricted.

The 23 containment labs are set along hospital-like corridors with painted cinder block walls. Special sensor cards restrict access to each containment lab: Only workers who have been properly immunized are allowed in.

NOT ALL the work involves biological warfare. Scientists also study some of the deadliest viruses in the world, among them Ebola.

When monkeys at a private medical research lab in Reston, Virginia, showed symptoms of an unexplained illness in 1989, specialists from Fort Detrick diagnosed the disease as Ebola and helped contain it.

Another team is at work trying to develop a new vaccine against botulinum toxin, one of the most noxious compounds known, of which it is estimated Iraq has produced more than 100,000 gallons.

"It's a hot subject," said Leonard A. Smith, chief of the institute's immunology division and an expert on botulinum toxin. "I don't think we can work any faster."

Fort Detrick's role in biological warfare has not always been defensive or occupied the same moral high ground as current work.

As home to the Army Biological Warfare Laboratories the facility ran a top-secret program producing offensive biological weapons from 1943 until 1969. During World War II, 5,000 bombs filled with anthrax spores were produced at Camp Detrick, as it was known then. Two workers at Fort Detrick died from exposure to anthrax in the 1950s, and another died in 1964 from viral encephalitis.

After the US biological weapons program was discontinued in 1969, the medical research institute was created.

Along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Fort Detrick is one of only two US facilities with "Biohazard Level 4" maximum-containment labs. The tightly sealed labs have negative air flow, which prevents air inside the labs from escaping to the outside.

Researchers wear baby-blue, spacesuit-like pressurized outfits and breathe filtered air as they work with exotic and deadly infectious diseases such as Ebola, Rift Valley fever, Lassa fever, Crimean Congo hemorrhagic fever and the Machupo virus. They take disinfecting showers in their suits in decontamination rooms before reemerging from the labs.

In the event a researcher is accidentally infected, he or she can be treated in a special isolation chamber known as "The Slammer." The last time it was used for employees was in the mid-1980s, as a precaution.

The workers say their training and equipment protect them against the deadly materials they must handle. "We keep an eye on each other," Lewis said.

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Sub-marine births can be safe

Health Scan

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Underwater births aren't for every woman or baby, but the process can be safe, according to obstetricians at Josephthal Hospital in Eilat.

Writing in *Harefuah*, the journal of the Israel Medical Association, Dr. Elon Lachman and Zvi Finelt note that the hospital can't compete with the 19,000 underwater births examined at a recent conference in England.

But since 1992, 36 women have had their babies in a birthing pool at Josephthal – all with no complications.

Why give birth in a pool? There are reports that women in ancient Egypt and Greece gave birth in the water. The authors note that over the centuries women have used warm water to reduce labor pains and enjoy the buoyancy provided to feel more comfortable during delivery.

Water has also been found to soften the tissues through which the baby passes and reduce the production of neurotransmitters triggered by anxiety.

Some advocates of the practice argue that the baby's introduction to the world is more pleasant if it emerges from the waters of the uterus into a warm birthing pool; opponents argue that infections can more easily spread in the water, and that the procedure puts the baby at risk of drowning.

They also note that other mammals don't deliver their young in the water.

The Eilat doctors use a pool 1.28 meters across and 80 centimeters deep. The woman, who leans on the edge, decides how much water to put in the pool.

The most popular position for giving birth is half sitting, half lying down, but some women do so on their knees or sitting straight up.

When the baby's head emerges, the obstetrician or midwife bends over the edge into the pool to help. Some of the women actually deliver the baby themselves. They are permitted to remain in the pool with the baby for several minutes if there are no signs of distress.

The Josephthal underwater deliveries are being carried out as a clinical trial approved by the Health Ministry and the hospital's Helsinki Committee on Human Experimentation. Only low-risk women are considered, and they may get into the pool only when they have a five-centimeter cervical opening and provided the baby's condition is monitored electronically.

HEPATITIS B SHOTS

Eight out of 10 youngsters over the age of six have not been vaccinated against hepatitis B. The reason is that the Health Ministry included the vaccine in its immunization schedule only in 1992, and vaccinates only newborn babies (as well as health workers at higher risk for the disease).

Hepatitis B is spread by blood and sexual contact; those infected can become carriers who – years after infection – may develop liver cancer or chronic liver disease.

The series of vaccinations costs much less today than in 1992, but the ministry's priority list has not been changed to include the shots. However, while it is still unwilling to pay for the shots, the ministry does recommend that parents get children aged six to 18 vaccinated at their own expense.

A survey of parents around the country showed that children were more likely to be vaccinated if they come from small families, live in the south and have well-educated parents.

ISRAELI SHARES ABROAD

LAST CHANGE*

AMEX

	LAST	CHANGE*
Am Israel Paper Mills	36.25	0
Ampal American Israel	4.875	+0
Electro Chemical Ind	1	0
Etz Lavud	7.75	+0
Etz Lavud Cl A	5.875	-0.0625
Integrated Technology	1.25	0
Comtel Containers Sys	7	0

NASDAQ

ACS Electronics Ltd	3.25	+0.125
Accent Software	0.6875	-0.03125
A.G. Associates	1.5	+0
Aladdin	12.25	-0.3125
Ampal	14.75	+0
Ariel	2.5	+0
Arnely Advertising Ltd	2.4375	0
Better Online Solutions	5.375	+0
Bio Technology General	7.875	-0.09375
B.V.R. Technologies	10.875	0
Check-point Software	37.3125	+1.1875
Comtron	3.9375	-0.09375
Comverse Technology	42.5	-1.875
Crystal Systems Solutions	15.9375	-0.4375
D.S.P.G. Group	21.8125	+1.1875
D.S.P.T. Tech	9.5	+0.75
Data Systems Software	5.6250	+0.25
ECI Telecom	29.0625	-0.875
Edusoft	5.6875	-0
Electric Fuel	2.375	-0.3125
Electronics for Imaging	24.5125	+1
Elbit Computers	3.6875	-0.09375
Elron Electronics	15.375	+0.125
Elbit Medical Imaging	7	+0.1875
Elbit Systems Ltd	12.5	+0
Elbit Circuit Boards	1.5	+0
Engel General Developers	6.75	+0
ESC Medical Systems Ltd	31.625	-0.125
Elbit Vision Systems	1.25	-0.125
Eshed Robotec (1982)	0.53125	-0.03125
Formula Systems (1985)	33.25	-0.625
Forsoft Ltd	13.5625	+0.5625
Galileo	39	+0
G.Willi-Food	5	+0.375
Galef Comm Ltd	7.9375	-0.1875
Gilat Satellite Networks	34.125	+1.625
Genesis Brits	7.5	-0.625
Geotech	1.4375	+0.03125
Healthcare Technologies	1.25	-0
Home Center	11.875	-0.5
I.C.T.S.	7.25	0
IIC Industries	43.5	-0.25
I.I.S. Intelligent Info	1.03125	-0.09375
Israel Land Develop - ADR	17.125	0
Indigo	5.25	+0.125
ISG Intl Software Group	10.25	+0.5
Isramco	0.75	-0.03125
Laser Technologies		
Lan Optics	3.5	-0.125
Logal	1.0625	0
Lovel 8 Systems	12.125	-0.125
M-Systems Flash Disk	4.75	+0.0625
Madge	5.0625	-0.1875
Magal Security Systems	2.90625	-0.09375
Malbu	19.125	+0
Medis El	5.625	+0.09375
Memco	24	+0.875
Mer Telemanagement	3	+0.3125
Mercom	36.5	+1
Magic Software Enterprises	4.375	-0.5
Netmanage	2.6875	+0
New Dimension Software	20.875	+1.375
Nice Systems	45.5625	+1.3125
Neuro-Medical Systems	2.1875	+0.0625
Nur Technology	2.9375	+0
Opal Systems Solutions	5.1875	0
Orbotech	34.75	+1.75
Ordal	15.375	+0.3125
Oshap Technologies	10	+0.4375
Pharmos	2.1875	+0.0625
Radvision Electronics Ind	2.21875	-0.15625
Radcom Ltd	5.4375	+0.1875
RIT Technologies	12	-0.125
RSL Communications	24	-0
Scitex Corporations	11.375	-0.25
Silicom	2.5	-0.125
Summit Design	15.25	+1.375
Sapiens International	6.9375	+0.0625
Scanvec	2.5	0
Tadiran Telecomm	14.25	+0.125
Taro Pharmaceuticals Ind	4.9375	+0.0625
Tat Technologies	0.75	+0
Technomatix Technologies	35.25	+1.25
Teva	41.7188	-0.28125
Top Image Systems	2.96875	-0.03125
Teledata Communications	15.875	+0.25
Tower Semiconductor	10.875	+0.4375
TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd	8	+0.5
TVG Technologies	1.1875	+0.0625
Vocaltec	21.5625	+0.3125
Wiz Tec Solutions	9.75	+0.5
Zag Industries Ltd	11.375	+0.125
Zoran Corporation	15.8125	+0.875

NYSE

Blue Square	13.6875	-0.125
D.S.P. Communications	16.0625	+0.5625
Elscint	7.5	+0
First Israel Fund	13.3125	+0.1875
PEC Israeli Economic Corp	20.9375	+0.1875
Koor	22.625	+0.25
Semula Inc	16.3125	-0.125
Super-Sol Ltd	15.4375	-0.1875
Tadiran	39.125	+0
Teltron Ltd	23.25	+0

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LONDON

Batm Advanced	150	+0
Dmotek Ltd	22	-0
Geo Interactive Media	143.5	+0
Pilat	62.5	+0
S.E.A. Multimedia	4.5	+0
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INTERNATIONAL SHARES

NEW YORK

Aviza	39.125	+1.5625
AMP Inc	42.75	+0.25
AMR Corp	135.375	+4.3125
ASA	20.8125	+0.4375
Abbott Labs	75.875	+1.125
Advanced Micro	21.8125	+0.8125
Aetna Life	83.25	+0.875
Affiliated Publ	29.5625	0
Aflac	62.5	+1.4375
Ahmanson (HF)	53.1875	+1.3125
Air Prods	82.0625	-0.25
Alberto-Culv B	29.9375	+0.1875
Albertson's	50.625	+1.5625
Alcan Aluminum	31.875	+0.125
Allied Signal	41.6875	+0.1875
Alcoa	71.625	+0.8125
Amax	36.6875	+0.125
Amerada Hess	59.6875	-0.125
Amer Brands	33.5	+0.0625
Amer El Power	48.375	+0.1875
Amer Express	93.3125	+1.6875
Amer Genl Corp	80.3125	+1.1875
Amer Greeting		
Amer Home Pr	93.875	+2.75
Amer Int'l	121.25	+1.625
Amer Natl Ins	98.75	+0
Amer Power Conv	27.5	+0.9375
Amer Stores	25.625	+0.5
Amer T & T	61	+0.3125
Amer West Hldg	25.9375	+0.9375
Ameritech	44.9375	+1.875
Ametek Inc	26.875	+0.125
Amgen	52.875	+0.4375
Amoco	84.75	-0.0625
Analog Devices	32	+0.75
Anheuser-Busch	46.875	+0.4375
Aon Corp	51.25	+1.4375
Apple Computer	24.4375	+0.3125
Applied Magnetics	11.0625	+0.3125
Applied Materials	33.5	+0.3125
Archer Daniels	23.125	+0.4375
Armco	5.1875	+0.0625
Armstrong World	80.8125	+2.3125
Asarco	22.8125	+0.5625
Ashland Coal	36.375	+0.1875
Ashland Oil	56.0625	-0.375
Atlantic Richfld	78.25	+1
Auto Data Pro	63.0625	+1.8125
Autodesk	46.3125	-0.125
Avery Dennison	51.6875	+0.875
Avnet Inc	65.375	+1.4375
Avon Products	73	-0.625
Bormco Corp	11	-0.375
Baker Hughes	40.375	+0.5
Ball Corp	33.125	+0.3125
Baltimore Gas	30.9375	+0.125
Banc One Corp	58.125	+0.9375
Bandag	56.875	+0.75
BankAmerica	77.4375	+1.875
Bank of Boston	102	+3.125
Bank of New Yk	59	+1
Bankers Trst NY	119.688	+1.25
Barnett Banks		
Barnes & Noble	35.9375	+0.8125
Battle Mount Gd	5.9375	+0.25
Bausch & Lomb	44.6875	-0.875
Baxter Intl	55.375	+0.6875
Bay Network	29.5625	-0.3125
Becton Dickinson	65.3125	+2.25
Bell Atlantic	96.3125	+3.0625
Bell Industries	13.9375	+0.1875
BellSouth	81.0625	+1.5625
HA Bekn Corp	54	+1.4375
Beneficial Corp	123.313	+1.5625
Bethlehem Steel	11.25	-0.4375
Beverly Entprs	15.25	+0.375
Biomet	29.3125	+1.4375
Black & Decker	48.625	+0.625
Boeing	52.4375	+0.1875
Boise Cascade	33.125	+0.8125
Bowater Inc	50.6875	+0.375
Briggs & Stratn	44	-0.5
Bristl Myrs Squ	102.5	+2.5
Brit Airwy ADR	34.875	+0.9375
Brt Steel ADR	25.5	+0.75
Brnt Telecom	97	-0.625
Brown Group	14.375	-0.0625
Brown & Sharpe	10.5	+0.25
Browning Ferris	32.125	-0.4375
Brunswick	32.0625	+0.4375
Burlington Nthn	101.438	-1.6875
Burlington Res	44.0625	+0
CBS Inc	31.625	+0.625
CMS Energy Corp	44	-0.125
CPC Intern		
CSX Corporation	56	+0.5
Cabot Corp	37.875	+1.59375
Campbell Soup	58.875	+0.8125
Canadian Pac	28.8125	-0.25
Capital Cs ABC	109.813	+2.3125
Capstead	18.875	+0.1875
Caremarks Corp	29.75	+1.25
Carnival Corp	61.8125	+1.3125
Carolina Pwr Lt	42.25	+0.3125
Carpenter Tech	48.1875	+0.6875
Caterpillar	53.3125	+2.125
Centex Corp	37.375	-0.75
Central & SW	26.75	+0.0625
Ceridian	47	+1.3125
Champion Intl	51.0625	+1
Chrng Shoppes	4.25	-0.0625
Chase Manhattan	121.625	+1.125
Chevron Corp	84.4375	-0.125
Chequita Brands	13	-0.0625
Chrysler	41.0625	+1.1875
Chubb Corp	80.1875	+1.125
Cisco	64.375	+2.5
Citicorp	130.5	+1.625
Clevel Cliffs	52.75	-0.25
Clorox	37.25	+1.125
Coastal Corp	64.5	-0.0625
Coca Cola	70.5	+1.1875
Coca Cola Ent	33.125	+0.625
Colgate Palmolv	83.9375	+4.75
Comcast Corp A	36.4688	-0.03125
Compaq	27.625	+0.5
Compute Ass Int	51	-2.0625
Computer Sci	95.8125	+1.8125
Conagra	30.4375	+0.3125
Cons Edison	43.625	+0.375
Cons Freightways	41.625	+0
Cons Nat Gas	55.625	-0.3125
Cooper Inds	57.9375	+1.4375
Coors (Adolph)	32	-0.5
Corning Inc	40.8125	-0.5625
Crane	49.75	+1.375
Crompton Knowles	29.375	-0.0625
Crown Cork Seal	54.75	-0.5
Cummins Engine	57.5625	+1.125
Curtiss-Wright	37.75	-0.125
Cypress Semicon	8.875	-0.5
Cyprus Mineral	17.125	-0.3125
Cytec Indust	51.5	-0.0625
DQE	33.125	-0.375
Dana Corp	54.875	+0.5625
Data General	18	+0.5125
Dayton Hudson	80.625	+1.625
De Beers	20.6875	+1
Deere	58	+1.125
Delm Pwr & L	47	-
Dell Computers	136.5	+6.625
Delta Air Lines	119	+3.3125
Deluxe Corp	34.4375	-0.8125
Detroit Edison	36.6875	-0.3125
Dial Corp Del	24.9375	-0
Diebold Inc	50	+2.0625
Digital Equip	49	-2.75
Dillard Dep St	35.5625	-0.625
Disney (Walt)	105.625	+0.4375
Dominion Res	40.375	+0.0625
Donelley (RR)	39.625	-0.75
Dover Corp	39.4375	+1.125
Dow Chemicals	91.25	+1.5
Dow Jones	54.4375	+0.0625
Dresser	46.1875	-0.6875
DSC Comm	17.4375	-0.3125
Duke Power	56.4375	-0.5625
Dun & Bradst	34.375	-0.875
Du Pont	63	+1.5625
E G & G Corp	27.4375	-0.625
Eastern Ents	43.125	-0.125
Eastman Kodak	64.5625	-0.125
Eaton Corp	95.625	+0
Echlin Inc	47.625	+0.6875
Emerson Elec	66.125	-2.5
Engelhard Corp	18.5	-0.3125
Enron Corp	47.6875	-0.5
Entergy Corp	28	-0.8125
Enzo Biochem	14	+0.5
Equistar Inc	37	+1.125
Ericsson	46.125	+3.6875
Ethyl Corp	8.1875	-0.125
Exide Corp	21.1875	-0.25
Exxon	82.75	-0.1875
FMC Corp	71.5625	-0.75
FPL Group	59.1875	-0.375
Fedders Corp	5.9375	+0
Federal Express	65.5	+1.5
Federal Mogul	30.5	-0.875
Fed Nat Mtge	63.1875	+2.375
Fleldcrest Can		
First Chicago	51.5625	-0.875
First Union	52.6875	-0.625
Fruit of the Loom	33.125	+0.5
Fst Union Rity	10.25	-0.125
Fleet Fnl Grp	73.5	+0.5
Fleetwd Enterp	47.4375	-0.625
Fleming Cos Ok	18.8125	+0.25
Florida Prog	38.5625	-0.0625
Fluor Corp	43.375	+0.125
Food Lion Inc	10.5	-0.1875
Ford Motor	59.9375	+2.0625
Fortune Brands	40.4375	+1.3125
Foster Wheeler	25.625	+0.0625
Freeport McMor		
Galoob Toys	8.5	+0
Gateway 2000	1.1875	+0.03125
GATX Corp	75.1875	+0.0625
GTE Corp	55.5	+1.4375
Gannett	64.25	+1.875
Gap Inc Del	44.6875	+1.875
Gencorp	27.5	+0.125
Gen Am Invest	27.5	-0.1875
Gen Dynamics	58.0625	+1.1875
Gen Electric	78.25	+1.875
Gen Mills	71.5625	-0.6875
Gen Motors	74.25	+1.9375
Gen Motors H	43	-0.8125
Gen Public Util	41.3125	+0.25
Gen Reinsurnce	214.063	-0.8125
Gen Signal	40.75	+0.9375
Gen DataComm	4.25	-0.4375
Genuine Parts	36.875	-0.0625
Georgia Pac	62.3125	+1.375
Gillette	110	+3.0625
Glaxo ADR	53.5	+0.6875
Golden W Finl	93.875	+1.625
Goodrich (BF)	50.25	+1.25
Goodyear Tire	69.75	+1.25
Grace (W&R)	84.0625	+1.1875
Grainger (WW)	99	+1.8125
Grt Atl Pac Tea	31	+0.5
Grt Central Mine	3.0625	+0.125
Gulf Canada Res	5.9375	+0.25
Halliburton	48.125	-0.875
Hanna (MA)	23	+0
Harcourt	56	+0.125
Harley Davidson	29.3125	-0.25
Harnischfeger	32.6875	+0.4375
Harrah's Ent	24.1875	+1.0625
Harris Corp	50	+0.8125
Harsco Corp	43.875	+1.0625
Hartmax	7.75	+0.0625
Hasbro	35.375	-0.125
Health Care Ppt	37.125	+0.5
Hecla Mining	5.75	+0.0625
Heinz (HJ)	57.9375	+1.1875
Helis Technol	21.125	+1.125
Hmrch & Payne	29.25	-1.4375
Hercules	47.6875	+0.25
Hershey Foods	70.75	+2
Hewlett Packard	61.5625	-0.375
Hilton Hotels	32.375	+0.3125
Hirsch Int	9.8125	-0.3125
Hollinger	16.5	+0.3125
Home Depot	65	+1.6875
Homestake	10.125	+0.1875
Honeywell	78	+1.125
Hormel (Geo)	37.375	+0.5
Household Intl	134.563	+4.9375
Houston Inds	26.5	+0.375
Humana	25.0625	-0.0625
IBM	98.125	-0.8125
Illinova Corp	27.875	+0.3125
Illinois Tool	62	+1.6875
INCO	19.375	+0.25
Ingersoll Rand	47	+0.75
Inland Steel	21.875	+0.0625
Intel Corp	78.125	+2.625
Intergraph	9.5	-0.125
Interlake	1.75	-0
Intl Flav & Fr	47.625	+1.25
Intl Multifoods	28.3125	+0.5625
Intl Paper	48.875	+1
Interpublic	58.5	+2.625
ITT Corp		
Jefferson Pil	84.5625	+0.875
Johnson & J	73.875	+1.625
K Mart	16.0625	+0.5625
Kaiser Alum	9.25	+0.0625
Kellogg	42.75	+0.9375
KLA Instruments	39.4375	+0.1875
Kennametal	50.125	+0.125
Kerr-McGee	67.5625	-1.125
KeyCorp	70.6875	+1.9375
Kimberly-Clark	57.375	+0.8125
King World Prod	27.0625	+0.4375
Knight Ridder	56.5	+0.4375
Kroger	45	+2
LSI Logic	22.375	+0.0625
Legget & Platt	52.3125	+1.3125
Lauderdale Natl	38.9375	+0.6875
Lilly (Eli)	66.125	+1.75
Limited Inc	29	+0.0625
Linear Technol	68.9375	+2.5
Lincoln Natl	81.875	+0.6625
Litton	62.875	+0.875
Liz Claiborne	52.6875	+1.1875
Lockheed Corp	115.188	+1.5
Loews Corp	103.625	+3.625
Lone Star	61	-0.9375
Long Island Lt	31.5625	-0.125
Longs Drug Strs	32.4375	-0.375
Lorial Corp	25.8125	+0.125
Louisiana Pacif	23.1875	+0.125
Lowe's Co Inc	65	+2.5
Lucent Tech	107.875	+3.625
Lubrizol	38.8125	+0.375
Madge	6.0625	-0.1875
MCI Commun	47.5	+0.5938
Mallinckrodt	38.9375	+0.1875
Manor Care	38	+1
Mapco Inc	53.5625	+0.3125
Marriott	79.0625	+1.375
Mrsh & McLn	86.4375	+2.0625
Marvel	0.8125	+0
Masco Corp	56.25	+1.125
Massmutual Corp	28.25	-0.6875
Mattel Inc	43.6875	+1.3125
May Dept St	63.5625	+1.375
Maytag Corp	44.9375	+0.8125
McDermott	28.75	-0.25
McDonalds	53.8125	+0.375
McGraw Hill	76.4375	+1
McKesson Corp	55.75	-0.8125
Mead Corp	34.625	+0.3125
Medtronic	52	+0.6875
Mellon Bk	62.8125	+1.8125
Mentor Graphics	10.3125	+0.0625
Mercantile Strs	67	+1.5625
Merck Inc	127.375	+3.6875
Meredith Corp	44.125	+0.9375
Merrill Lynch	74.875	+3.8125
Micron Technol	34.9375	-0.375
Microsoft Corp	82.5625	+2.5
Millipore	37	+0.875
Mine Safety App	51	+0.5
Minnesota Mine	89.5625	+0.625
Mitchell Energy	27.9375	+0.5625
Mobil Corp	72.125	+0.4375
Mobile Telecom	23.375	-0.75
Molex Inc	28.25	+0.5625
Monarch Machi	7.6875	+0
Monsanto	51.375	+1
Morgan (JP)	123.688	+2.125
Morton Intl	32.5	+0
Motorola Inc	53	-2.875
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NationsBank	69.0625	+1.1875
Natl City Corp	67.375	+2.25
Natl Semic	21	-0.25
Natl Serv Ind	56.3125	+1.1875
NatWest Bank	105.25	+2.5
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Netscape	19.1875	+0
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Norwest Corp	43.375	+1.5625
NSI	2.1875	+0.0625
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Ogden Corp	27.625	+0.5
OEA	20.125	-0.25
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Unilever NV	67.125	+2.5625
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Union Carbide	46.3125	+0.375
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Walker leads Celtics over Wizards

BOSTON (AP) — Antoine Walker had 35 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Boston Celtics to a 108-98 victory over the Washington Wizards on Friday night.

Walker, who scored a career-high 49 points in a 110-108 loss at Washington on Jan. 7, was 16-for-26 from the field. Ron Mercer added 24 points for the Celtics.

Chris Webber and Rod Strickland each scored 23 points for Washington.

Jazz 122, Nets 115

In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Karl Malone scored 32 points and the Utah Jazz shot 61 percent from the field to win their sixth consecutive road game.

Jeff Hornacek added 23 points for the Jazz, who have won 12 of their last 13 overall.

Sam Cassell scored 29 points for the Nets, who have lost a season-high four straight games.

76ers 80, Knicks 71

In Philadelphia, Allen Iverson and Derrick Coleman each scored 22 points as the Philadelphia 76ers beat the New York Knicks.

Joe Smith scored 15 points and Theo Ratliff had 10 points and 12 rebounds for the 76ers, who won their second straight and third in their last five games.

Charlie Ward had 17 points, nine assists and eight rebounds for the Knicks, who lost for the second straight night. Allan Houston scored 18 points for New York, which was held to its lowest point total of the season.

Magic 91, Cavaliers 89, OT

In Orlando, Florida, Derek Harper sank a 22-foot jumper with 14 seconds left in overtime to give the Orlando Magic a victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Nick Anderson, who banked in a 3-pointer to send the game to overtime, led Orlando with 25 points. Bo Outlaw added 22 points, five blocked shots, eight rebounds and six assists.

Cleveland got 20 points from rookie Derek Anderson, playing only his second game after missing 15 games with a sprained knee.

Hornets 104, Sonics 98

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Glen Rice scored 29 points, including three free throws in the final nine seconds, as the host Hornets won their seventh straight game.

Vernon Maxwell scored 22 points and Anthony Mason had 13 points and 17 rebounds for the Hornets, who outrebounded the Sonics 48-20.

Vin Baker paced Seattle with 25 points. Gary Payton added 22 points for Seattle, which has lost two in a row for only the second time this season.

Hawks 115, Nuggets 94

In Atlanta, Christian Laettner scored 21 points and the Atlanta Hawks had a season-high point total to hand the Denver Nuggets their 14th straight loss.

Tyrone Corbin added 19 points and Mookie Blaylock scored 18 for the Hawks.

Johnny Newman scored 23 points for the Nuggets, who must win five of their remaining 21 games to avoid tying the 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers for fewest wins in a season.

Timberwolves 113, Raptors 91

In Minneapolis, Kevin Garnett had 26 points and 10 rebounds as the Minnesota Timberwolves broke out of a slump with a victory over the Toronto Raptors.

Stephon Marbury had 17 points and 12 assists and Stanley Roberts had 15 points for Minnesota, which had lost five of its previous six games.

Chauncey Billups had 20 points to lead Toronto, which has lost 10 of its last 12.

Kings 98, Grizzlies 96

In Vancouver, British Columbia, Billy Owens hit a pair of free throws with 13.2 seconds left as the Sacramento Kings rallied to beat the Vancouver Grizzlies.

Owens, who finished with 15 points and 15 rebounds, was fouled by Lee Mayberry during a scramble for a loose ball and hit both foul shots to put the Kings up by two.

The Grizzlies had a final chance to win, but Pete Chilcutt missed a 3-pointer with 1.2 seconds left.

Mitch Richmond had 32 points and eight assists for the Kings, who overcame a 13-point first-half deficit to end a five-game road losing streak. Shareef Abdur-Rahim led the Grizzlies with 30 points.

Pacers 101, Warriors 87

In Oakland, California, Rik Smits scored 21 points and the Indiana Pacers opened the fourth quarter with a 12-0 run to make Chris Mullin's homecoming a success.

Mullin, who played 12 years for the Warriors before being traded to Indiana before this season, had just five points in 28 minutes in his first game as a opponent at Golden State.

Fred Hoiberg scored all eight of his points in the opening 3:15 of the fourth period as the Pacers took command of a close game. Reggie Miller had 19 points for Indiana and Antonio Davis added 15.

Jim Jackson scored 25 points for Golden State. Jason Caffey matched his season high with 21 points and had 11 rebounds for the Warriors.

Lakers 91, Spurs 84

In Inglewood, California, Derek Fisher scored 10 of Los Angeles' last 17 points and Shaquille O'Neal had 23 points to lead the Lakers over the San Antonio Spurs.

The Lakers broke away from a 71-71 tie with 5 1/2 minutes left as Eddie Jones made a 3-pointer and Fisher drove twice for baskets.

Fisher and Rick Fox each finished with 17 points for the Lakers.

David Robinson led San Antonio with 23 points and 10 rebounds. Tim Duncan added 21 points for the Spurs.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	42	19	.689	–
New York	34	25	.576	7
New Jersey	33	28	.541	9
Orlando	31	29	.517	10½
Washington	31	30	.508	11
Boston	29	31	.483	12½
Philadelphia	21	37	.362	19½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	44	16	.733	–
Indiana	42	18	.700	2
Charlotte	37	23	.617	7
Atlanta	35	24	.593	8½
Cleveland	32	28	.533	12
Milwaukee	29	29	.500	14
Detroit	27	33	.450	17
Toronto	15	46	.220	30½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	42	16	.724	–
San Antonio	40	20	.667	3
Minnesota	32	28	.533	11
Houston	29	32	.492	13½
Vancouver	14	45	.237	28½
Dallas	23	47	.217	30
Denver	5	56	.082	38½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	45	15	.750	–
LA Lakers	41	18	.695	3½
Phoenix	39	20	.661	5½
Portland	34	24	.586	10
Sacramento	26	36	.419	20
Golden State	13	47	.217	32
LA Clippers	12	47	.203	32½

Friday's games: Boston 108, Washington 98; Atlanta 115, Denver 94; Charlotte 104, Seattle 98; Utah 122, New Jersey 115; Orlando 91, Cleveland 89 (OT); Philadelphia 80, New York 71; Minnesota 113, Toronto 91; Sacramento 98, Vancouver 96; Indiana 101, Golden State 87; LA Lakers 91, San Antonio 84.

Thursday's games: Washington 103, New York 90; Dallas 119, LA Clippers 109; Miami 117, Houston 93; Milwaukee 104, Denver 87; Phoenix 102, Detroit 93.

'El Duque' agrees to $6.6m, four-year deal with Yankees

MIAMI (AP) – Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez, the former Cuban baseball star who defected two months ago, agreed Friday to a $6.6 million, four-year contract with the New York Yankees.

Hernandez, 28, turned down an offer from the Anaheim Angels thought to be worth about $5 million. The Angels' parent, The Walt Disney Co., reportedly offered a movie deal as part of the contract.

Hernandez' half-brother, Livan, already has found success in the US. After defecting, he agreed to a $4,495,000, four-year contract with the Florida Marlins and went on to become the MVP of both the National League playoffs and World Series last year.

Orlando Hernandez wasn't present Friday night when his agent Joe Cubas announced the deal at a Cuban restaurant in Miami. He pitcher was still in Costa Rica, where he has been training.

With interleague play, the two brothers may have the opportunity to face each other in June when the Marlins visit the Yankees for three games beginning June 5.

A star pitcher on Cuba's national team, Hernandez was banned from baseball in his homeland in October 1996, a year after his 22-year-old brother defected while on a team trip in Mexico.

Hernandez escaped Cuba on Dec. 26 with seven others on a small boat. The US Coast Guard picked them up a few days later on a remote Bahamian island and handed them over to Bahamian authorities.

Hernandez was offered a US visa, along with his common-law wife and Cuban catcher Alberto Hernandez (no relation).

But all except Hernandez's wife ended up in Costa Rica when US authorities refused visas to the others in the group.

By going to Costa Rica, players became eligible for free agency. If they had settled in the US, they would have been subject to a draft by major league clubs.

Livan Hernandez has said his half-brother "is 10 times better than I am."

NHL standings and results

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	38	16	7	83	174	120
Philadelphia	31	19	9	71	170	133
Washington	26	24	11	63	163	161
NY Rangers	19	26	16	54	150	163
NY Islanders	22	31	8	52	160	170
Florida	18	30	12	48	144	170
Tampa Bay	12	40	9	33	117	200

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	31	17	14	76	173	143
Montreal	29	24	7	65	173	156
Boston	26	22	13	65	156	146
Buffalo	24	22	14	62	152	145
Ottawa	24	28	10	58	141	155
Carolina	24	30	7	55	152	171

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	38	14	9	85	185	121
Detroit	34	16	13	81	190	144
St. Louis	34	22	8	76	194	155
Phoenix	24	27	11	59	149	178
Chicago	23	27	11	57	149	149
Toronto	20	32	8	48	141	177

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	32	16	16	80	190	156
Los Angeles	27	22	11	65	174	160
Edmonton	23	29	10	56	159	177
San Jose	24	30	7	55	152	164
Calgary	19	30	12	50	163	187
Anaheim	20	32	9	49	145	186
Vancouver	18	34	10	46	172	221

Thursday's games: Chicago 2, Pittsburgh 2, tie; Ottawa 4, Colorado 2; Boston 1, New Jersey 1, tie; Philadelphia 3, Washington 2; St. Louis 4, Montreal 0; Calgary 6, Vancouver 2; San Jose 5, Detroit 4; Carolina 2, Los Angeles 1.
Friday's games: NY Islanders 4, Buffalo 2; Carolina 5, Phoenix 4, OT; San Jose 3, Anaheim 0.

Efes survive 3 overtimes to beat Cibona

ZAGREB (Reuters) – Cibona Zagreb squandered a 12-point first half lead, allowing Efes Pilsen to snatch victory in a dramatic finish to their European Cup quarter-final on Friday that saw three overtimes.

Efes went through after also winning the first leg in front of their fanatical home crowd 75-59.

Cibona built a healthy 40-28 lead in the first half after leading by as much as 14 points thanks to some good defending and long range shooting.

Efes came back strongly in the second half, starting 8-0.

Their top scorer with 26 points, Ufuk Sarica, dominated this part of the game, keeping the Istanbul team in touch with Cibona.

Klinsmann to quit Spurs at end of season

LONDON (Reuters) – Juergen Klinsmann announced on Friday he will leave Tottenham at the end of the season in the wake of his row with coach Christian Gross.

Klinsmann looked subdued on Friday as he gave his version of the tunnel bust-up with Gross after last week's 1-0 win over Bolton.

"I have tried to give my input but reached a certain point last week when our ideas differed. I will give my best until the end of the season and then we will go different directions," said the striker, who earlier this year announced he is to quit international soccer after the World Cup.

But the German international pledged to do all he could in the remaining nine games of the season to help Spurs beat relegation.

"Christian and I have totally different opinions about things and about handling things," he said.

"At the end of the day, he is the manager and I respect that even if I do have different ideas."

SPORTS *in brief*

Netanya crush Ra'anana in weekend rugby

In the main game of the local rugby league held at the Tel Aviv Sportek yesterday, Hapoel Netanya trounced Ra'anana 31-6. For the winners, fly-half Darren Pincus scored two tries and Ofir Ankori, Guy Dotan and Tzahi Tsarfadia scored a try apiece. Pincus kicked three conversions. For Ra'anana, fly-half Doron Edelstein kicked two penalties.

In the curtain-raiser to this game, ASA Tel Aviv kept their unbeaten record by defeating Haifa Technion 34-3.

Over 50 players under 17 years old will attend a training camp run by the Israel Rugby union at Kibbutz Tzora on Wednesday and Thursday. *Joel Gordin*

Newcastle winger Gillespie arrested

LONDON (Reuters) – Newcastle United winger Keith Gillespie was arrested on Friday and released on bail in connection with an alleged scuffle last month, police sources said.

They said there was no connection with reports of a fracas involving Newcastle United players in a Dublin bar on Monday night that left Gillespie requiring hospital treatment for a head injury.

"We can confirm that a 23-year-old man was arrested at 8.20 this morning in connection with an incident at Whickham in Gateshead," a police spokesman said.

He declined to confirm that the man, who was told to report back to police on May 7, was Gillespie.

Collymore stands by racism claim

BIRMINGHAM (Reuters) – Aston Villa striker Stan Collymore said on Friday he stood by his claim that he was racially abused by Liverpool defender Steve Harkness during a recent premier league match.

Collymore issued a one paragraph statement through his club in response to Harkness's denial that he called the England international a "coon" in last Saturday's match at Villa Park.

"I hear what Steve Harkness has to say and I still maintain my own position and stand by what I said," said Collymore who moved to Villa from Liverpool last summer for £7 million.

Villa officials reiterated their "full support" for Collymore.

Harkness on Thursday vehemently denied accusations he had made racist remarks to Collymore.

Spectator role for McAllister in France

GLASGOW (Reuters) – Scotland coach Craig Brown has pledged that injured Gary McAllister will go to the World Cup finals this summer as a non-playing captain.

Brown has asked the Coventry City midfielder, whose cruciate ligament injury on Wednesday night ruled him out of the tournament, to join the Scots' 22-man squad at France '98.

Brown has also left the door open for his skipper's eventual return to international soccer by saying he wants 33-year-old McAllister to lead the Scots to the European championship finals in 2000.

De Villiers retires from first-class cricket

PORT ELIZABETH (Reuters) – South African swing bowler Fanie de Villiers announced he was retiring from first-class cricket yesterday.

The 33-year-old veteran, who made the announcement on the second day of South Africa's third Test against Pakistan, said the time was right to retire.

"I have been playing first-class cricket for 11 years and I've always believed the time to retire is when some people might still miss you. I hope that is the case now," De Villiers told a news conference after the day's play was washed out at St. George's Park.

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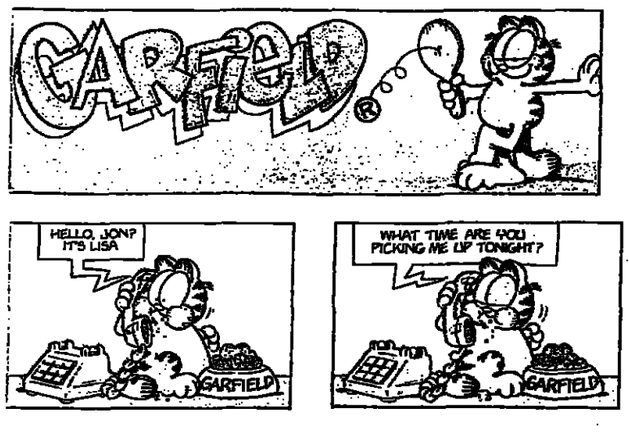

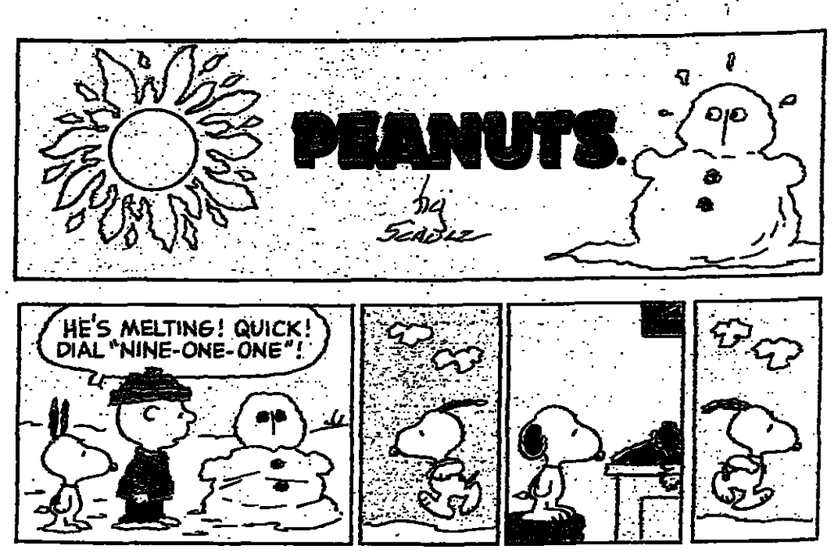

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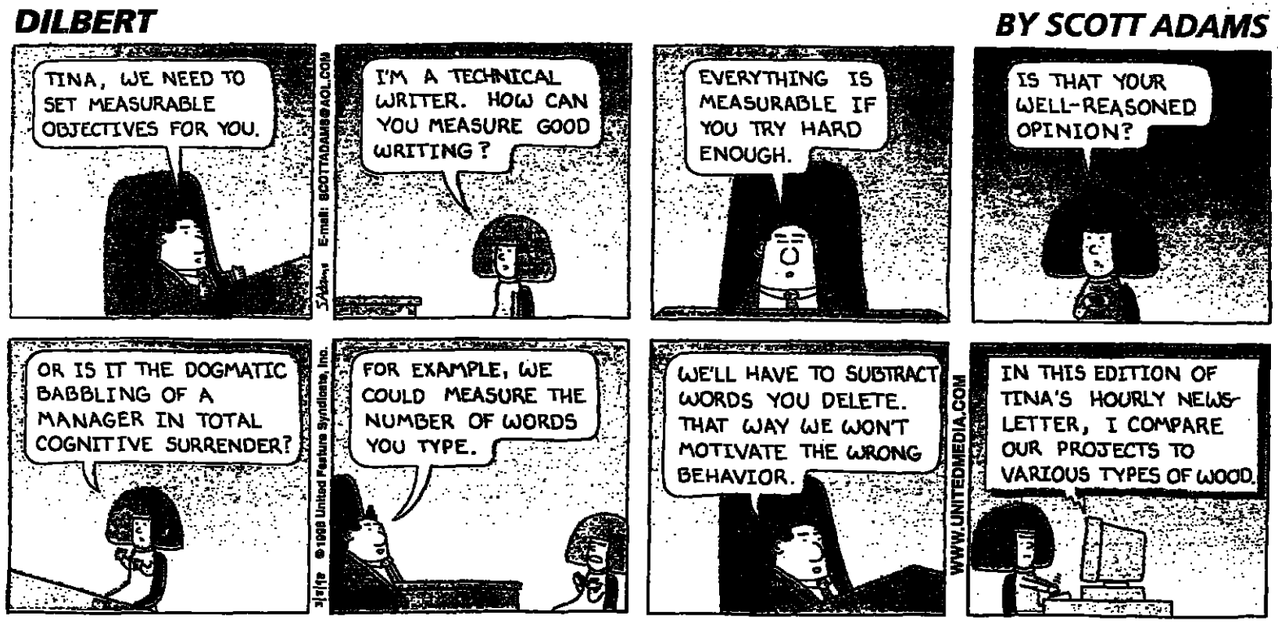

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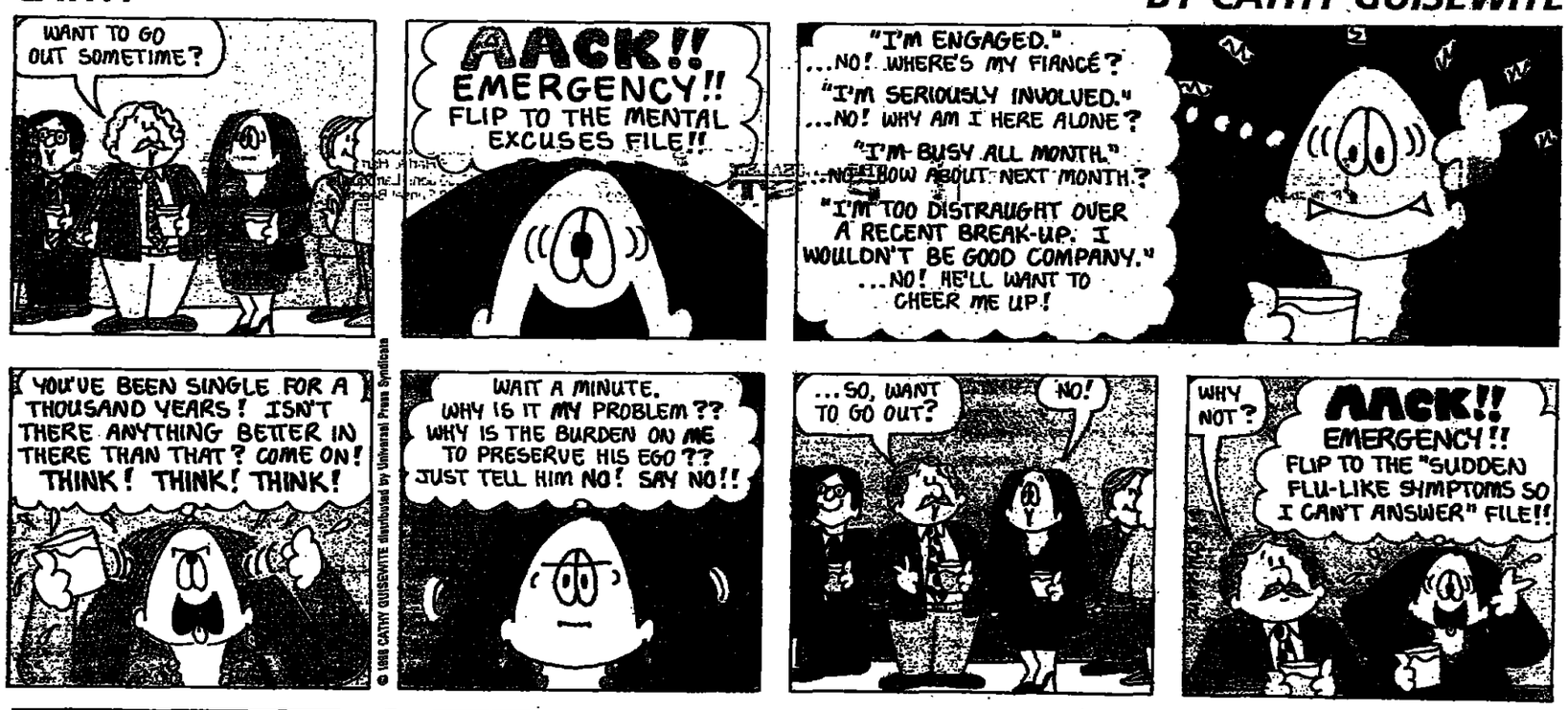

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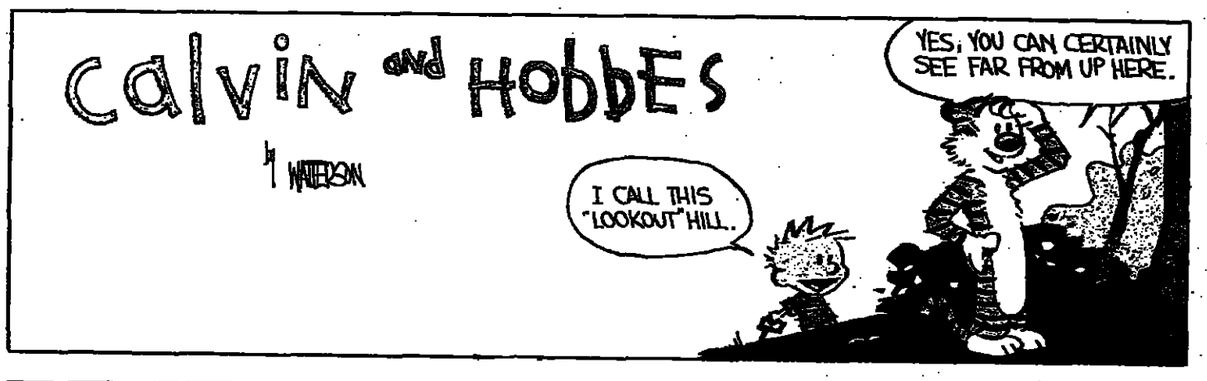

CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Daniel Barenboim plays sonatas by Beethoven and Liszt tonight (8:30) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem as part of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA Outstanding Recitals in Jerusalem series.

The Tempus Fugit festival of contemporary music reaches its finale today with four different concerts at the Tel Aviv Museum. A concert of music by Mark Kopytman (6:30) should be intriguing, as well as the concert with pianist Michal Tal and friends performing works by Jan Freidlin, Arie Shapira, Betty Olivero and others. In the final concert (8:30) Gisele Ben-Dor leads the Israel Chamber Orchestra in works by Avni and Orgad while Sharon Kam plays the Penderecki Clarinet Concerto.

After performing yesterday at the Tempus Fugit festival in Tel Aviv, the Israel Contemporary Players repeat their program tonight (8) at the Jerusalem Music Center in Jerusalem, playing music by Ari Ben-Shabtai, Kurt Weill, Dan Yuhas, Eliot Carter and others under the baton of Dutch maestro Ed Spaniard.

Claire Danes and Matt Damon star in 'John Grisham's The Rainmaker.'

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ JOHN GRISHAM'S THE RAINMAKER – As the title makes clear, this film is A Grisham: in other words, a morality play about an idealistic rookie of a Southern attorney (Matt Damon this time around) who battles the corrupt and almighty powers-that-be (an evil insurance company) in his selfless pursuit of justice (payment of medical costs to the family of a young man dying of leukemia). For all its familiar elements, though, the picture sits differently from earlier movie adaptations of the writer's work. It's a looser, funnier, and more realistic affair and one that avoids for the most part the usual Grisham-esque descent into violent outlandishness. After a sluggish introductory section in which director Francis Ford Coppola seems to be poking around for the right tone, the film hits its stride and turns into a comedy – a courtroom farce on a serious theme. With smart narration by the journalist Michael Herr and fine performances by Danny DeVito, Jon Voight, Micky Rourke, Mary Kay Place and many others. (Parental guidance strongly advised.)

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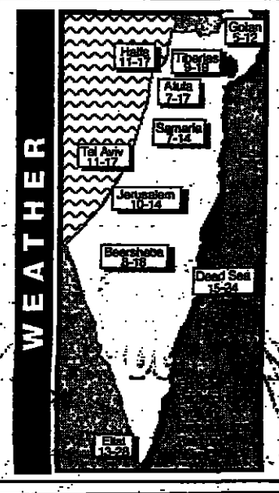

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Cairo	11	52	18	64	cloudy
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Moscow	-09	16	01	34	pt/cloudy
New York	05	41	08	46	cloudy
Nice	10	50	21	70	clear
Paris	08	46	13	55	pt/cloudy
Rio de Janeiro	25	77	31	88	cloudy
Rome	08	43	16	61	pt/cloudy
Stockholm	-01	18	03	37	pt/cloudy
Sydney	18	64	23	73	cloudy
Tokyo	04	39	12	54	clear
Toronto	-02	28	03	37	rain
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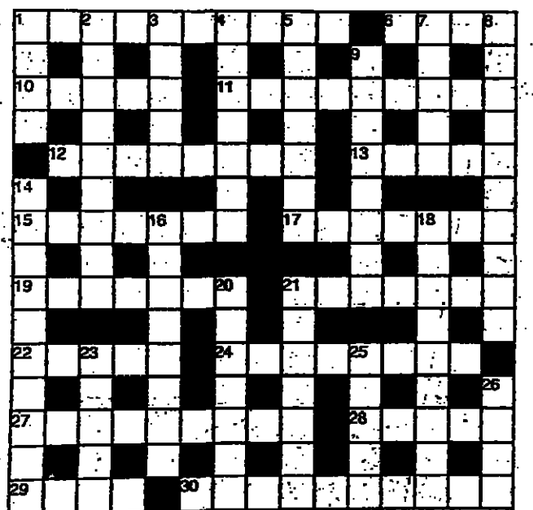
6 A way tax administrators cause agitation (4)
10 Joint where some drank lemonade only (5)
11 Concerned with making—and making better (9)
12 It's his vocation to ensure people look well (8)
13 Sort of stew effecting a slim result (5)
15 Note support first accorded to a poet (7)
17 Pointed remark made by English beasts (7)
19 Wrong-doing did seem wrong (7)
21 Public servant who's often told to go to blazes! (7)
22 The language of many in extremity (5)
24 Properly-cooked chips are really heavenly (8)
27 Reviving with eau de Cologne say after near-collapse (9)
28 An Irishman's field for raising a cereal crop (5)
29 The fellow responsible for a hold-up (4)
30 Unyielding, eccentric draws back (10)

DOWN

1 Being cold, the youth dressed (4)
2 Mere linesmen, but their work is greatly esteemed (4,5)
3 The French here will incorporate quarters for old folk (5)
4 Knight of the Round Table—dreadful ingrate (7)
5 Shady character's infraction of the law (7)
7 Promising material (5)
8 Men tearing about and getting back (10)
9 Judge holding a mum to be of less value (8)
14 High-rise homes for social workers (10)
16 One wanting absolute perfection thought over the schedule (8)
18 What prompts a person to retain a balance (9)
20 Pole to be seen in due course (7)
21 A writer in favour of taking rest-break (7)
23 End up accepting an obsession (5)
25 Hand round a soft fruit (5)
26 Colours a large number, granted (4)



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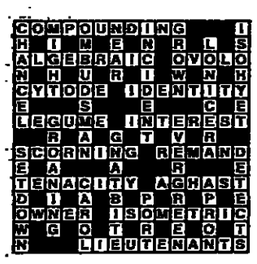

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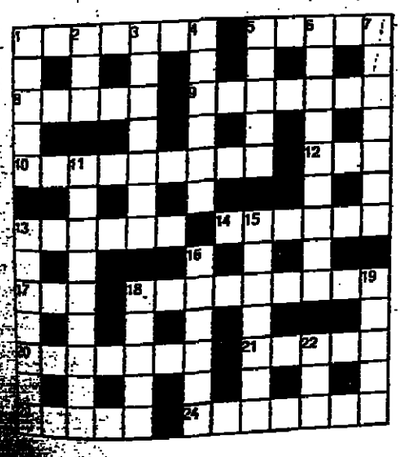

ACROSS

1 Eastern end of church (7)
5 Equine animal (5)
8 Faint-hearted (5)
9 Intention (7)
10 Corrected (9)
12 Ocean (3)
13 Peril (6)
14 Fold (6)
17 Well (3)
18 Decoration (9)
20 Valour (7)
21 Unaccompanied (5)
23 Name (5)
24 Inept (7)

DOWN

1 Provide food (5)
2 Objective (3)
3 Analgesic (7)
4 Clear (6)
5 Stockpile (5)
6 Put back (9)
7 Carve (7)
11 Build (9)
13 Shortage (7)
15 Loot (7)
16 Spanish wine-shop (6)
18 Saw (5)
19 Step (5)
22 Eggs (3)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 Wonderful World of Big Molecules
8:30 Destinos
9:00 Science
9:15 Mathematics
10:00 For the very young
11:00 The Environment
11:30 Nature
12:00 Mathematics
12:30 Communications: Animation
13:15 Fruits of the Earth
13:30 Animation
15:00 Pretty Butterfly

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Super Ben and Zap 1
15:35 Rocky Yarocky
16:00 Mystery Isle
16:30 Zapzaps
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 Broadcast Mobile – a look at mutual attraction
18:10 Time for Language
18:15 News in English
ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Amal and Kamal's Studio
19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 News flash
19:31 Home improvement
19:53 Filmed on the Street
20:00 News
20:45 Tkuma
21:50 World Soccer – European highlights
22:50 First Person – weekly phone-in program in which artists answer viewers' questions. With Rami Evron
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
6:00 Spiderman
6:30 Choco with Tel-Ad
6:43 Coffee with Tel-Ad
9:00 Ramat Aviv Gimmel
10:20 Profit
11:10 Thunder Alley
11:35 Empty Nest – The Way We Were
12:00 Lilach
13:00 Boogies Diner
13:30 Sport TV
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tic Tac
15:00 There's Only One Blossom
15:30 Barney's Friends
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 Five with Reshet
17:30 They Were All People – new series looking at some of the leading figures in the 50 years before the establishment of the state, including David Ben-Gurion, Rabbi Kook and Enosh Szenes
18:00 Port Charles
19:00 Amistad, Behind the Scenes
19:20 Everybody Loves Raymond
19:52 Bruno
20:00 News
20:30 It'll Be OK
21:30 Fact – with Ilana Dayan
22:25 Bruno – contd.
22:30 The Practice
23:25 Night Meeting
00:00 News
00:05 Night Meeting (contd.)
00:30 Soap
1:00 Awake to Danger (1995) – a teenager is forced into an encounter with her worst nightmare as her life disintegrates
2:30 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

16:00 Holy Koran
16:10 Pink Panther
16:30 Conan the Adventurer
17:00 Don't Dream
18:00 Skippy
18:30 Bordertown
19:00 Le Journal
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 The Funniest People in America
20:00 Documentary
21:00 Magazine
21:10 Renegade
22:00 News in English
22:30 Miniseries
00:00 Comedy series

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

10:30 Changed Lives
11:00 It Is Written
11:30 Hour of Power
12:30 Central Message
13:00 Love Worth Finding
14:00 This Is Your Day
14:30 John Osteen
15:00 In Touch
16:00 The 700 Club
16:30 Tunes of Joy
16:45 Gospel Bill
17:15 Secret Adventures
17:40 Space Cases
18:05 Super Boy
18:30 Watch This
19:00 What Would You Do?
19:25 Bob Newhart
19:50 Rhoda
20:15 Hebrew Movie: Crazy Dad 3
22:00 I-Witness Video
23:00 Talknet

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Brave Children
16:40 Wiseman of the Generations
17:30 Weekly Column
18:30 Short and Sweet
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 News in Russian
20:00 News
20:45 Telekessef
21:15 Blah Blah
22:30 For Women Only
23:00 Supernatural: 23:30 Great Mysteries & Myths – British TV series about unexplained events and myths

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Echo Point
16:00 Everything's Open
16:30 World Youth News
17:00 Little Morocco
17:30 Masarat
18:00 Radio Fever
18:30 Dealing with Dogs
19:00 Globe Watch
19:30 Vis à Vis
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Media File
21:00 Missouri Breaks (1976) – Marlon Brando plays a hired gun out to get horse-rustling Jack Nicholson
23:00 Sharpe

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt)
8:00 Sunset Beach
9:00 One Life to Live
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Dulce Ana (rpt)
12:00 Love Boat
12:45 Hart to Hart (rpt)
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18:30 Local broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Beverly Hills 90210
20:25 Clueless
20:50 Friends
21:10 E.R.
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:00 Ricki Lake (rpt)
23:45 Silk Stalkings
00:30 Hart to Hart (rpt)
1:20 Love Boat

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Rescue Me (1993) – a high-school student persuades a Vietnam war hero to help him free the class beauty from the clutches of kidnapping thugs. With Michael Duddoff and Stephen Dorf
13:15 Journey (1995) – moving drama about two children dumped by an uncaring single mother. With Jason Robards, Meg Tilly and Brenda Fricker
14:55 Hart to Hart: Old Friends Never Die (1995) – TV movie with Robert Wagner and Stefanie Powers who arrive at a costume party and hunt a killer behind a mask
16:25 In the Blink of an Eye (1995) – a woman falsely accused of a double murder is sentenced to life imprisonment and her children are taken away from her
17:55 Termination Man (1997) – a pair of secret agents are in a race against time to prevent a terrorist gang from attacking the UN forces in Bosnia with chemical weapons
19:25 On Hope (1994) – short film by JoBeth Williams about two women who meet by chance and become fast friends. With Mercedes Ruehl and Annette O'Toole
20:00 Beaches (1988) – for 30 years, two very different women remain friends. With Barbara Hershey and Bette Midler
22:00 If These Walls Could Talk (1996) – three stories of unwanted pregnancy take place in the same house, against the backdrop of the socio-political climate of the '50s, '70s and '90s. With Demi Moore, Cher and Sissy Spacek
23:40 Serving in Silence: The Marguerite Cammermeyer Story (1995) – the true story of a highly decorated US Army nurse who was threatened with expulsion after 25 years' service for coming out as a lesbian. With Glenn Close and Judy Davis. Directed by Barbra Streisand
1:10 Not of This Earth (1995) – remake of a '50s classic has a humanoid alien coming to earth to find a cure for a terminal illness. With Michael York

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
8:35 Ask Victor
8:55 Sharky and George
9:10 Sinbad the Sailor
9:35 The Smurfs
10:00 Flying Classroom
10:15 Ninja Turtles
10:40 Flying Classroom
10:55 Phenom
11:15 Flying Classroom
11:30 Celestial Dancing – new adventure series
12:00 Flying Classroom
12:10 Goosebumps
12:45 The Arenia
13:45 Bernie the Menace
13:30 Adventures in Videoland
13:35 Nataline
13:45 What For?
14:35 The Smurfs
15:00 Flying Classroom
15:15 Ninja Turtles
15:55 Underdog Show
16:15 Flying Classroom
16:35 Migou – new comedy series
17:00 Flying Classroom
17:45 Lois and Clark
18:30 The Arena
19:00 7:00 On the Dot – chat show with Yael Bar-Zohar
19:30 Family Matters
19:50 Married with Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:40 Helen and the Boys – French comedy
21:05 Sweet Valley High
21:30 Beverly Hills 90210

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:20 Moonlighting (1982) – a group of Polish construction workers is sent to London to work on the home of a corrupt Communist official. With Jeremy Irons
23:55 Temptation of a Monk (Chinese, 1993, 113 mins.) – a warlord who betrayed his prince flees to a monastery, but is unable to escape his past

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University: The Russian Civil War; The Politics of Food
8:00 Oceans (rpt)
8:55 The Next Step
9:20 A Fork in the Road: Indonesia
9:45 The Mamas and the Papas – the story of the '60s group
10:45 Magic Lantern – Prague
11:45 Katia and Marielle Labecque
12:45 Jaguar People
13:35 Angels of the Sky
14:25 Falconry (rpt)
15:20 Prince of the Arctic
16:15 Human/Nature
17:00 Open University: Drama, Play, Performance – Macbeth
18:00 Open University: Sales Connection; Cycles of Life
19:05 Shape of the World – series on the history of mapmaking
20:05 Transylvania
21:00 In Wildest Africa
22:00 The Heart of the Dolomites
22:55 Human/Nature
23:40 Open University: The Internet Show; KGB – The Professionals

■ NBC EUROPE (19/10)

6:00 Executive Lifestyles
6:30 Style
7:00 Travel Xpress
7:30 Inspiration
9:00 Hour of Power
10:00 Interiors by Design
10:30 Dream Builders
11:00 Gardening by the Yard
11:30 Company of Animals
12:00 Super Shop
13:00 NBC Super Sports
13:30 Gillette World Cup '98
14:00 SPGA Tour
15:00 Skiing: King of the Mountain '98, Vermont
17:00 Time and Again
18:00 The McLaughlin Group (rpt)
18:30 Meet the Press with Tim Russert
19:30 VIP (rpt)
20:00 Mr. Rhodes (rpt)
20:30 Union Square
21:00 The Ticket
21:30 Five Star Adventure
22:00 NBC Supersports
23:00 Tonight Show
00:00 Profiler (rpt)
1:00 The Ticket (rpt)
1:30 VIP (rpt)
2:00 Tonight Show

■ STAR PLUS (18/15)

6:00 Hindi programs
8:00 Mastercard Family Fortunes
8:30 India Business
9:00 Postcards from Pakistan
9:30 Good Food Guide
10:00 Road Show
10:30 Hindi programs
18:30 Star News Sunday
19:30 Hindi programs
20:00 Special Elections Session
20:30 Star News Sunday
21:30 India Business
22:00 All Our Children – BBC documentary series (rpt)
23:00 Angel and the Badman (1947) – a well-bred girl falls in love with a notorious gunman and sets him on the path to propriety. With John Wayne
1:00 Covington Cross
2:00 Travel Asia

■ BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:30 This Week (rpt)
7:30 India Business Report
8:30 The Rugby Club
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 This Week (rpt)
11:05 Watergate (rpt)
12:30 A Golfer's Holiday: Arizona (rpt)
13:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
14:05 Weekend World: In Their Blood (rpt)
15:10 Dateline London
16:30 The Rugby Club
17:05 Horizon (rpt)
18:30 India Business
19:30 The Big Catch: Eels (rpt)
20:05 Watergate (rpt)
21:30 Simpson's World
22:05 Weekend World
23:30 The Rugby Club
00:00 World News and Business Report (rpt)
00:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
2:05 USA Direct

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News through the day
6:30 Evans and Novak
7:30 Inside Asia
8:30 World Business This Week
9:30 World Sport
10:30 Global View
11:30 The Art Club
12:30 World Sport
13:30 Earth Matters
14:30 Science and Technology
15:30 World Report
16:30 Inside Europe
17:30 World Sport
18:30 This Week in the NBA
19:00 Late Edition
19:30 World Sport
20:30 Your Health
21:00 Perspectives
22:30 Pinnacle Europe
23:30 Best of Insight
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Style
2:00 Prime News

■ CHANNEL 5 (05)

6:30 Bodies in Motion
15:40 English FA Cup Studio
15:55 English FA Cup Quarterfinal – Barnsley vs. Newcastle, live
18:00 Kickboxing
18:30 English FA Cup
20:15 Five in the Air – Maccabi Ra'anana vs Maccabi TA; Givat Shmuel vs Hapoel Holon
22:45 National League Soccer
23:30 International Journal
00:20 NBA Live – New York vs Chicago

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

8:30 Biathlon
10:30 Ski Jumping – Finland
11:30 Alpine Skiing – from Norway
12:30 Women's Alpine Skiing – from France
13:30 Cross-Country Skiing
14:00 Biathlon – Women's Championship from Slovenia
15:00 Biathlon – Men's Championship from Slovenia
16:00 ATP from Rotterdam: Final
18:00 Cross-Country Skiing
19:00 Ski Jumping
20:30 Athletics from Germany
21:30 Motor Racing
23:30 Cart – FedEx Championships Series
00:30 Equestrianism
2:00 Sailing: Whitbread Round-the-World Race

■ STAR SPORTS (16/15) (unconfirmed)

6:30 WWF Wrestling
7:30 Soccer – Asian Cup: Japan vs China
9:30 Cricket – Test Match from S. Africa
12:00 Golf
13:00 Cricket – Test Match from S. Africa
17:35 NBA Basketball – Phoenix vs Houston
19:30 Spanish League Soccer
20:00 Asian Sports
20:30 Soccer – Asian Cup: Hong Kong vs Korea
22:30 Soccer – Asian Cup: Japan vs China
00:30 Boxing

CABLE

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Mozart: Wind Serenade K388 (London Wind Soloists/Brymer); Bach: Orchestra Suite in B minor with Flute; Berman: Adagio for Clarinet and Strings (Brymer/Allegri)
7:07 Schubert: Piano Trio no 2 (H.Menuhin/Y.Menuhin/Gendron); Mozart: Thamos, Konig in Ägypten K345 (Royal PO/Beecham)
8:05 Cherubini: Symphony in D (Los Angeles CO/Schwartz); Haydn: Sinfonie Concertante for Winds op 84 (Bamberg Orch/Gosselbauer)
9:05 Bach: Concerto for Violin and Oboe (Blannkvestijn/Boyd/Europe CO/Schneider); Mozart: Chorale and Ave Verum (St. Paul's Cathedral Chorus/English CO/Rose); Mozart: Symphony no 29 K201 (English CO/Tait); Glinka: Sextet for Piano, String Quartet and Double Bass (Capricorn); Chopin: Piano Concerto no 2 op 21 (Perahia/IPO/Mehta); Vaughan Williams: Spring Symphony op 44 (Armstrong/Baker/Tear/London SO chorus/London SO/Previn)
12:00 Light Classical – works by Copland, Gould and Gershwin
13:00 The Oboe of Pauline Wostenrijk. Britten: Six Metamorphoses after Ovid for solo oboe op 49; Vaughan Williams: from Blake's Songs for Voice and Oboe; J. White: Poem for Oboe, Viola and Piano
14:06 Encore – works by Haydn, Mozart, Wolpe and Svendsen
16:00 Music for Sunday – Mazzak: Three Songs to Mary; Scarlatti: Mass (The Sixteen/Christophers); Daquin: Noel no 3 for Organ (Herrick); Tchaikovsky: Three Hymns (Corydon Singers/Best); Daquin: Noel no 4 for Organ (Herrick); Mozart: Requiem K626
18:00 New CDs – Sweelinck: Chromatic Fantasy for Organ; Pezel: Sonata no 75; Hummel: Piano Trio op 12; Schubert: Piano Sonata in F sharp minor (Berman)
20:30 Daniel Barenboim, piano. Beethoven: Sonata "Pathetique"; Sonata op 109
23:00 Sounds to End the Day

PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30	Home Improvement		Beverly Hills 90210		Family Matters	
20:00	Filmed on the Street News	Bruno News	Clueless	Beaches	Married with Children	Transylvania
20:30	Tkuma	It'll Be OK	Friends		The Fresh Prince of Bel Air	
21:00			E.R.		Helen and the Boys	In Wildest Africa
21:30		Fact			Sweet Valley High	
22:00	World Soccer		Yair Lapid Live at 10	If These Walls Could Talk	Beverly Hills 90210	The Heart of the Dolomites
22:30		Bruno The Practice	Seinfeld		Moonlighting	
23:00	First Person		Ricki Lake			Human/Nature

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE The Fifth Element 5 • Nana 7 • Le Garnde Quercia 9:30 • Naked 9:45 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Twice Bouskila ∞Edge of the Horizon 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Kiss the Girls 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Jackal∞Tomorrow Never Dies 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Amistad 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Devil's Advocate 4:30, 7:15, 10 • The Rainmaker 4:45, 7:15, 10 **JERUSALEM THEATER** Deconstructing Harry 9:30 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Titanic 5, 8:45 • Good Will Hunting 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Seven Years in Tibet In Tibet 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Wag the Dog 5, 7:30, 9:45 • I Know What You Did Last Summer 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Full Monty 5, 7:30, 9:45 **MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL** ☎ 5700868 Twice Bouskila 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • The Rainmaker 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 **SMADAR** ☎ 5618168 Ice Storm 2, 6, 10 • Mrs Dalloway 4, 8

TEL AVIV
GAT ☎6967888 Titanic 1:30, 5:15, 9 **G.G. HOD 1-4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Devil's Advocate 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Amistad 4:30, 7:15, 10 • The Rainmaker 4:45, 7:15, 10 **LEV** ☎5288288 Good Will Hunting 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 7, 10 • Ice Storm 12:15 a.m., 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 10 • Mr. Baum 10 • Career Girls 2, 5:15 • Mrs. Dalloway 12:15, 5, 8, 10 • Ulee's Gold 2:30, 7:45 • The Fifth Element 12 noon **LEV AVIV** Credit Card Reservations ☎6416841 Ice Storm 11 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Brassed Off 2:30, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 • Ma Vie en Rose 11 a.m., 2:30, 5:45, 745, 10 • Mrs Dalloway 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 530, 7:30, 9:45 • Fever Pitch 11:15 a.m., 2:45, 5, 7:30, 10 • Micropcosmos 11:15 a.m. • My Best Friend's Wedding 8 • Empire of the Senses 9:45 **G.G. PE'ER** ☎5442141 Amistad 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Kiss the Girls∞Live Flesh 5, 7:30, 10 • The Rainmaker 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Edge of the Horizon 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV-CHEN** ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Center As Good As It Gets 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Wag the Dog 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • A Life Less Ordinary 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • I Know What You Did Last Summer 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Wings of the Dove 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Game Over 2:30, 5,7:30, 9:45 **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102674 Opera House Shall We Dance∞The Full Monty 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Afula Express ∞Seven Years in Tibet 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Titanic 1:45, 5:30, 9:15 **G.G. TEL AVIV** ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. The Jackal 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Twice Bouskila ∞Edge of the Horizon 5, 7:30, 10 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** Love and Death on Long Island 5, 8, 10

HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 8325755 Fever Pitch 9:15 • Brassed Off 7:15, 9:15 • Ice Storm 7:15 **CINEMATHEQUE** Der Postmeister 4:30 • The Nightmare Before Christmas 7 **ORI** ☎8500056 The Jackal∞Event Horizon ∞Twice Bouskila 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Devil's Advocate 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Amistad 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Kiss the Girls 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Rainmaker 4:45, 7:15, 10 **PANORAMA** ☎8382020 Twice Bouskila 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Deconstructing Harry 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Amistad 4:15, 6:45, 9:30 **RAV-CHEN** ☎8500055 Wag the Dog 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 • My Best Friend's Wedding 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 • As Good As It Gets 4, 6:45, 9:30 • I Know What You Did Last Summer 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 • A Life Less Ordinary 4:45, 7, 9:30 **RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ 8674311 Titanic 4:45, 8:30 • Face/Off 4:15, 7, 9:30 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416898 As Good As It Gets 4, 6:45, 9:30 • Seven Years in Tibet 4:15, 6:45, 9:30 • I Know What You Did Last Summer 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Titanic 4:45, 8:30 • Good Will Hunting 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Full Monty 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Wag the Dog 5, 7:15, 9:30 **RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ 8248553 The Full Monty 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Shall We Dance 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Good Will Hunting 4:30, 7, 9:30

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RAV CHEN Titanic 10 4:45, 8:30 • As Good As It Gets 6:45, 9:30 • Twice Bouskila 7:15, 9:30

ARAD
STAR ☎9950904 Twice Bouskila 7:30, 10 • Live Flesh 7:30, 10 • The Rainmaker 7:15, 10

ASHDOD
G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 The Jackal 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Twice Bouskila∞Event Horizon 5, 7:30, 10 • The Rainmaker 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Amistad 4:30, 7:15, 10 **ORI** Live Flesh∞Kiss the Girls 5, 7:30, 10 • Devil's Advocate 4:45, 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎8661120 Titanic 4:45, 8:30 • I Know What You Did Last Summer 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Wag of the Dog 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Good Will Hunting 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • The Full Monty 7:30, 9:45

ASHKELON
G.G. GIL ☎ 6729977 Kiss the Girls 5, 7:30, 10 • Kiss the Girls 5, 7:30, 10 • The Rainmaker 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Amistad 4:30, 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎6711221 I Know What You Did Last Summer∞ The Full Monty 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Titanic 4:45, 8:30 • As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Wag of the Dog 5, 7:0, 9:45 **RAV CHEN** ☎5531077 Event Horizon 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Titanic 4:45, 8:30 • As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Twice Bouskila 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Wag the Dog 5, 7:30, 9:45 • I Know What You Did Last Summer 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Amistad 7, 9:45

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G.G. GIL ☎6440771 Kiss the Girls∞Live Flesh 5, 7:30, 10 • Devil's Advocate 4:30 7:15, 10 • The Jackal 4:45, 7:15, 10 **G.G. ORI** ☎6103111 Twice Bouskila 5, 7:30, 10 • Amistad 4:30, 7:15, 10 • The Rainmaker 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Event Horizon 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV-NEGEV 1-4** ☎6235278 Titanic 4:45, 8:30 • Wag the Dog 5, 7:30, 9:45 • As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Seven Years in Tibet 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

EILAT
GIL ☎6340182 Event Horizon∞Twice Bouskila 5, 7:30, 10 • Amistad 4:30, 7:15, 10

HADERA
LEV ☎6343555 Titanic 5, 8:30 • As Good As It Gets 5, 7:15, 10 • Twice Bouskila 5, 7:30, 10 • The Full Monty 5, 7:30, 10

HERZLIYA
COLONY ☎6902666 The Full Monty∞Shall We Dance 6, 8, 10 **DANIEL** ☎ 9544044 Deconstructing Harry 8, 10 **STAR** ☎ 9589068 Twice Bouskila 5:30, 7:45, 10 • Amistad 7, 9:45 • Home Alone 3 5 • Titanic 5:15, 9 **GIL** ☎ 7408591 Twice Bouskila 5, 7:30, 10 • As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Amistad 7:15, 10 • Home Alone 3 5 • Titanic 5, 8:45

KARMIEL
CINEMA ☎9882521 Titanic 4:45, 8:30 • As Good As It Gets 7, 9:30 • The Jackal 7, 9:30

KFAR SAVA
G.G. GIL ☎7677370 Twice Bouskila 5, 7:30, 10 • Event Horizon 5, 7:30, 10 • Amistad 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Titanic 5, 8:45 • As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Wag the Dog 5, 7:30, 10 • The Full Monty 5, 7:30, 10

KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. GIL Twice Bouskila 5:30, 7, 9:30 • Event Horizon∞The Full Monty 7, 9:30 • Amistad 6:45, 9:30 • Titanic 5:30, 9 • The Rainmaker 7, 9:30 • Kiss the Girls 7, 9:30 • Devil's Advocate 7, 9:30 • The Jackal 7, 9:30

KIRYAT SHMONA
G.G. GIL ☎6905080 Twice Bouskila 4:30, 7, 9:30 • As Good As It Gets 9:30 • The Jackal 4:30, 7 • Titanic 5, 8:45

UPPER NAZARETH
GIL ☎8561332 Kiss the Girls∞The Rainmaker 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Twice Bouskila 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Amistad 4:15, 7, 9:45 • The Full Monty 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Titanic 5, 8:45 • As Good As It Gets 4:15, 7, 9:45

NESS ZIONA
G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 9404729 Twice Bouskila 5, 7:30, 10 • Amistad 4:30, 7:15, 10 • The Full Monty 5, 7:30, 10

NETANYA
G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 8628452 Twice Bouskila∞Event Horizon 5, 7:30, 10 • Devil's Advocate 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Amistad 4:30, 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 8618570 Titanic 4:45, 8:30 • Wag the Dog 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Good Will Hunting 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 6262758 Titanic 4:45, 8:30 • As Good As It Gets 6:45, 9:30 • The Full Monty 7:15, 9:30

OR YEHUDA
G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 5333292 The Rainmaker 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Twice Bouskila 5, 7:30, 10 • Amistad 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Kiss the Girls 5, 7:30, 10

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL ☎ 9317374 Titanic 5, 8:45 • Wag the Dog 5, 7:30, 10 • Seven Years in Tibet 4:45, 7:15, 10 **SIRKIN** ☎ 9087989 Good Will Hunting∞The Rainmaker • Twice Bouskila∞Event Horizon 5, 7:30, 10 • As Good As It Gets∞Amistad 4:30, 7:15, 10 • As Good As It Gets 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 • Good Will Hunting 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 • Titanic 5, 9 • Wag the Dog 7:30, 10:15

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Beersheba keep State Cup hopes alive

By DEREK FATTAL and ORI LEWIS

The ninth round of the State Cup provided some heart-stopping action yesterday.

Current holders Hapoel Beersheba demonstrated to their followers that despite propping up the National League, they are still determined not to give up the Cup without a fight. The southerners, led by an inspirational Yossi Benayoun, came back from 2-0 down at Kiryat Eliezer to finally take the tie 4-3 in extra time with a 114th-minute winning goal by Alon Rif.

Despite a late rally, Maccabi Tel Aviv – last season's beaten finalists – went out of the competition at the hands of Ironi Ashdod.

Fortune failed to favor the underdogs as Maccabi Ahi Nazareth's dreams of further cup glory came to an end with a 5-3 defeat at Teddy Stadium on Friday at the hands of Hapoel Jerusalem, while Second Division leaders Zafririm Holon were pipped 1-0 after extra time yesterday by Maccabi Haifa.

The National League's top-twosome both overcame adversity to proceed into the next round – Betar Jerusalem ended 2-1 victors over Hapoel Beit She'an in their meeting at Bloomfield, while earlier in the afternoon at the same venue, Hapoel Tel Aviv registered the same scoreline against Bnei Yehuda.

Hapoel Haifa 3, Hapoel Beersheba 4

Hapoel Beersheba looked to be on their way out after Haifa's Ronnen Harazi fired two goals past Shaul Smadja within the first half hour.

Nevertheless, the southerners had no intention of letting Haifa coach Eli Guttman, the man who led them to last season's Cup success, get the upper hand.

In a second-half awakening, Benayoun led an onslaught on the Haifa goalmouth that levelled the scores in the 83rd minute, forcing the match into extra time.

Four minutes into extra time Haifa goalkeeper Dudu Awat tripped up Benayoun in the area, and the former Ajax youth team player put the southerners into the lead by converting from the spot.

Not wanting to be outdone, Harazi tucked in an equalizer for the hosts in the 105th minute.

It all proved to be in vain as nine minutes later, Benayoun tore forward once again, to marshal the attack from which Beersheba's Rif netted the decisive goal.

Hap. Beit She'an 1, Betar Jerusalem 2

Despite an overall below-par performance and the sending off of Jan Talasnikov in the first half, Betar proved their mettle once again.

The visitors went into the lead after ten minutes thanks to a slip up between Beit She'an goalkeeper Meir Cohen and defender Eytan Tayeb.

Tayeb made up with an equalizer from a free kick in the 31st minute, and in the protestations that followed Talasnikov received his red card.

The Betaris managed to keep their composure despite being reduced to ten men and Alon Harazi delivered the fatal blow to Beit She'an eight minutes from time.

Ironi Ashdod 4, Maccabi Tel Aviv 3

The noose begins to tighten around the neck of Maccabi coach Avraham Grant with this defeat.

Both sides knocked an early goal apiece before the Ashdodis produced three consecutive goals with Naor Galili, Yigal Zrihan and Tibor Belov getting on to the scoresheet.

Maccabi fought hard at the end, boosted by a goal from substitute Alexei Gerasimov (82), then Eli Driks added his second of the match from the penalty spot to make the final result 4-3 in the last minute of play. The belated efforts were clearly not enough for the Maccabi hordes who bayed for Grant's resignation after the match.

Ironi Rishon 1, Mac. PT 0

Nissan Kapeta translated Rishon's advantage into the vital lone goal for the hosts in a game in which they looked much the better side.

Mac. Haifa 2, Zafririm Holon 0 (after extra time, 0-0 after 90 minutes)

All the pundits and Maccabi Haifa's fans were scrutinizing new coach Daniel Brailowsky to see if he could bring a change of fortunes to the mired greens of Kiryat Eliezer.

Things did not start well, and Haifa found themselves down a man after 35 minutes when Avishai Janno picked up his second yellow card.

Still, Holon could not take advantage of the situation, and a rather lackluster match seemed destined for extra time.

The changes came in the extra period, when Brailowsky's rejigged the side with two substitutions. It seemed to spark the change the home side had been looking for, as Alon Mizrahi (97) and Ibrahim Duro (118) saw Haifa through to the quarterfinals.

In between the goals, Holon were also reduced to 10 men, when Nir Soher was sent off.

Hap. Tel Aviv 2, Bnei Yehuda 1

The league leaders went a goal down on the stroke of half time when Yaniv Cohen put the ball in the hosts net. But this sparked the reds into action and the second period was a completely different affair, as Hapoel took total charge of the situation.

Ofer Shitrit leveled the scores after 66 minutes ten minutes later, veteran Shalom Tikva secured Hapoel's quarterfinal berth with the winner.

Hap. PT 3, Hap. Kfar Sava 0

Idan Hillel scored Petah Tikva's first goal within seconds of coming on as substitute in the 66th minute. He found himself well placed to slot the ball home as he ran directly into the area as the ball came towards him from a free kick.

Hillel was then on hand to make sure of the result when he got his second goal as the clock moved into the last minute of the game.

Kfar Sava's woes were not over, however. They conceded a "deserved" third goal in injury time when Hillel left a ball which ran across the goalmouth and allow Eli Abarbanel seal the result.

Hap. J'lem 5, Mac. Ahi Nazareth 3

The spectators who turned up to see Friday's only game were treated to a goal feast.

Indeed, it is a very long time since Jerusalem have scored five goals against any opponent. It is also a while since they conceded three. But on Friday, it was left to Third Division (North) leaders to do just that.

Ahmed Abad was the first scorer, when he put the ball in his own net to see Jerusalem move ahead.

But then Moshe Vanunu scored twice as Ahi Nazareth took the lead into the dressing room.

In the second half, Jerusalem got a grip of the situation, with Shlomi Danino equalizing, and then Assi Tubi, Salman Amar and Laszlo Horvat saw Jerusalem run away from their opponents.

Nazareth substitute Yossi Alfia sealed the scoreline with a goal before hobbling off injured.

State Cup ninth round

Hap. Jerusalem	5	Mac. Ahi Nazareth	1
Maccabi Haifa	2	Zafririm Holon	0
(After extra time – 90 minutes 0-0)			
Hapoel Tel Aviv	2	Bnei Yehuda	1
Ironi Rishon Lezion	1	Mac.Petah Tikva	0
Hapoel Haifa	3	Hapoel Beersheba	4
(After extra time – 90 minutes 2-2)			
Hapoel Petah Tikva	3	Hapoel Kfar Sava	0
Ironi Ashdod	4	Maccabi Tel Aviv	3
Hapoel Beit She'an	1	Betar Jerusalem	2

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Johansson: World Cup ticket fiasco is our fault

LONDON (Reuters) – UEFA President Lennart Johansson, who is also chairman of FIFA's World Cup Organizing Committee, admitted on Friday that the fiasco surrounding the allocation of tickets for the finals was of the organisers' own making.

Johansson said he would do all he could to find a solution and help get additional tickets for ordinary supporters. But he said the task would not be easy.

The 68-year-old Swede, a FIFA vice-president who is also standing for FIFA president in June, said: "It is a problem I have inherited because I took over as chairman of the committee after the death of Guillermo Canedo in January 1997.

"But I was also a member of the committee so it is only right that I should stand up and take responsibilty for the decisions taken.

"The important thing now is to try to find solutions and to help the participating associations to find some additional tickets for their supporters.

"This is what we will be working on in Paris where we are a holding a workshop.

"Finding a solution may not be easy, in fact it is a classic case of 'easier said than done' because other considerations, like security are still paramount. But we will do everything we can to help."

In a statement issued from UEFA's offices in Switzerland, Johansson explains the background which has left many countries and their supporters aggrieved with their allocations for matches.

He says the decision which led to the current situation was taken in February 1996, when the committee running the finals agreed to the proposal to continue with the ticket-allocation formula which had been used at the 1990 and 1994 World Cup finals.

"The current system is not new. We agreed to rubber-stamp the proposal because the formula had worked well in both Italy and the United States. But the problem has arisen because the capacities at the venues in France are generally lower than those in Italy or the United States."

Johansson's statement comes as the European Union and organizing commitee are nearing a settlement on making more tickets for the championship available outside France.

"We hope that after three-and-a-half hours of meeting they know what they have to do and we are confident they'll do it," commission spokesman Stefan Rating told reporters.

Representatives of the organizing committee (CFO) met on Thursday in Brussels with European anti-trust experts to discuss the dispute. Rating said they would meet again next week.

SCOREBOARD

NCAA BASKETBALL – Friday's major college basketball scores:

Atlantic 10 Conference: semifinals: George Washington 78, Temple 64; Xavier 95, Rhode Island 80.

Atlantic Coast Conference: quarterfinals: Clemson 75, Wake Forest 56; Maryland 83, Georgia Tech 65; North Carolina 73, N. Carolina St. 46.

Big 12 Conference: quarterfinals: Kansas 68, Kansas St. 61; Nebraska 63, Baylor 46; Oklahoma 58, Missouri 53; Texas 65, Oklahoma St. 64.

Big East Conference: semifinals: Connecticut 64, Rutgers 50; Syracuse 69, St. John's 67, OT.

Big Sky Conference: semifinals: Montana St. 69, Weber St. 64; N. Arizona 86, CS Northridge 79.

Big Ten Conference: quarterfinals: Illinois 66, Wisconsin 61; Michigan 77, Iowa 66; Minnesota 76, Michigan St. 73; Purdue 76, Indiana 71.

Big West Conference: first round: Cal St.-Fullerton 89, Boise St. 82; Nevada 81, UC Irvine 72; Pacific 82, Idaho 74; Utah St. 69, Long Beach St. 61.

Conference USA: semifinals: Cincinnati 100, Ala.-Birmingham 85; N.C. Charlotte 65, Southern Miss. 53.

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference: semifinals: Coppin St. 77, Florida A&M 65; S. Carolina St. 82, Morgan St. 69.

Southeastern Conference: quarterfinals: Arkansas 102, Tennessee 96; Kentucky 82, Alabama 71; Mississippi 72, Georgia 67; South Carolina 71, Florida 60.

Southland Conference: semifinals: Nicholls St. 79, SW Texas St. 71; Texas-Arlington 77, NW Louisiana 72.

Southwestern Athletic Conference: semifinals: Prairie View 65, Alabama St. 61; Texas Southern 48, Grambling St. 45.

Western Athletic Conference: semifinals: New Mexico 80, Texas Christian 73; UNLV 76, Fresno St. 67.

GERMAN SOCCER – Weekend Bundesliga results:

Werder Bremen 1, FC Kaiserslautern 1; VfL Bochum 0, Hamburger SV 0; Arminia Bielefeld 3, MSV Duisburg 3; 1860 Monich 4, Borussia Dortmund 2; Hansa Rostock 1, Bayer Leverkusen 2; FC Cologne 2, Hertha Berlin 0; Karlsruher SC 2, Borussia Moenchengladbach 5.

ENTERPRISING PLAY – France's Christian Califano (left background) and Fabien Pelous (right) watch as Ireland's Paddy Johns (second left) tries to grab the ball as teamates Colin McGuiness (left), David Corkery (center), Reggie Corrigan and Victor Costello (right) look on. (Reuters)

Ireland give France the fright of their lives in Five Nations

LONDON (Reuters) – Ireland gave France the fright of their lives yesterday when they led the Five Nations champions for 73 minutes before captain Raphael Ibanez scored to give the home side an 18-16 win.

Coached for the first time by former All Black Warren Gatland, the Irish made a mockery of the pre-match predictions that they would be massacred at the Stade de France and were on course for a famous upset before late tries by Philippe Bernat-Salles and Ibanez.

In the other third round match, Wales resurrected their season by beating Scotland 19-13 in the first championship match at Wembley Stadium.

Expectations were high in Paris as a capacity crowd of 80,000 gathered to watch the exciting young French side show the style which defeated England and destroyed Scotland.

Instead, they saw the Irish come painfully close to winning their first match in Paris since 1972 after an opportunist first half try by their flying winger Denis Hickie.

With the French backs in full flow, Hickie intercepted a pass from flyhalf Thomas Castaignede, swiftly regained his balance and hared away to score with Bernat-Salles in vain pursuit.

Eric Elwood, recalled at flyhalf to give some stability to the backline, kicked the remaining points as the 33-1 outsiders went into the break 13-6 ahead.

France, who would probably plead guilty to attempting to entertain before they had properly laid the foundations of victory, regrouped in the second half but still remained frustratingly tryless as the minutes ticked away.

They finally breached the Irish defence on the hour when Bernat-Salles rounded the cover at full pace after an incursion by fullback Jean-Luc Sadourny.

Ibanez's try followed a surge by the French forwards in the left corner, not vintage French play but probably their most important try of the championship so far.

"I must pay tribute to the Irish who would have deserved to win this match," said French coach Jean-Claude Skrela.

"We'll have to re-evaluate the Irish," agreed his fellow coach Pierre Villepreux.

Wales-Scotland

Wales, humiliated 60-26 in the first round by England, overturned a 13-9 halftime deficit at the home of English soccer, to end Scotland's Triple Crown hopes.

Wing Wayne Proctor scored a try for the Welsh against two to the Scots by Gregor Townsend and Damien Cronin in a match marred by handling and passing errors.

Arwel Thomas, who came on at flyhalf to replace Neil Jenkins in the first half, proved the difference between the teams with three penalties and a conversion.

"We had our backs to the wall and we had to win," said Welsh captain Rob Howley. "It wasn't pretty but we did it."

Five Nations championship

	P	W	D	L	Pf	Pa	Pts.
France	3	3	0	0	93	49	6
England	2	1	0	1	77	50	2
Wales	2	1	0	1	45	73	2
Scotland	3	1	0	2	46	86	2
Ireland	2	0	0	2	32	35	0

Wolves reach FA Cup semis

Man Utd fall 2-0 away to Wednesday

LONDON (Reuters) – First division Wolverhampton Wanderers beat premier league Leeds United 1-0 yesterday with a late Don Goodman goal to reach the FA Cup semifinals for the first time since 1981.

Goodman chipped goalkeeper Nigel Martyn to put his side ahead in the 82nd minute, but Leeds had a golden chance to save the tie two minutes from time when they were awarded a penalty after substitute Robbie Keane tripped Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink.

While Goodman was their hero for scoring at one end, goalkeeper Hans Segers emerged as a hero at the other by saving Hasselbaink's penalty a minute from time in only his second match for the club in 20 months.

First division Sheffield United also ensured their name goes into today's semifinal draw after holding premier league Coventry 1-1 at Highfield Road – but they squandered a great chance to win when they hit the post in the final minute.

In one of only three premier league matches played, there was a shock at Hillsborough where Sheffield Wednesday beat leaders Manchester United 2-0.

United, without regular first-choice goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, center-back Gary Pallister and schemer Ryan Giggs, went behind after 26 minutes when Peter Atherton powerfully headed home a Benito Carbone cross.

Wednesday's other Italian, Paolo Di Canio, scored the second in the closing minutes.

Liverpool came from behind to beat Bolton Wanderers 2-1, improving to second in the table and reducing United's lead at the top to nine points.

Alan Thompson thundered home a 25-meter shot after seven minutes to give relegation-threatened Bolton the lead and nearly made it 2-0 a few minutes later when he hit the bar.

But Liverpool battled back, equalizing when Paul Ince headed home a Mark Kennedy corner after 58 minutes and taking all three points when 18-year-old England striker Michael Owen scored his 19th goal of the season after 65 minutes.

In the only other league match, Southampton defeated Everton 2-1 in dramatic fashion at The Dell.

In Scotland, first division side Falkirk continued their giant-killing trail by knocking premier division St Johnstone out of the Cup 3-0 yesterday to move closer to a second successive appearance in the final.

FA Cup quarterfinals: Coventry 1, Sheffield United 1; Leeds 0, Wolves 1.
Premier League: Liverpool 2, Bolton 1; Shelfield Wednesday 2, Manchester United 0; Southampton 2, Everton 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester United	29	18	5	6	57	21	59
Liverpool	29	14	8	7	48	29	50
Arsenal	26	13	9	4	45	26	48
Blackburn	27	13	9	5	49	33	48
Chelsea	27	14	3	10	52	30	45
Derby	28	13	6	9	44	34	45
Leeds	28	12	6	10	36	30	42
Leicester	28	10	10	8	34	28	40
West Ham	27	12	4	11	38	36	40
Southampton	29	12	4	13	36	38	40
Coventry	28	10	9	9	35	35	39
Sheff Wed	29	10	7	12	43	54	37
Newcastle	27	9	7	11	26	31	34
Aston Villa	28	9	6	13	30	39	33
Wimbledon	26	8	8	10	28	30	32
Everton	29	7	9	13	33	42	30
Tottenham	29	8	6	15	26	44	30
Barnsley	27	7	4	16	24	63	25
Bolton	28	4	12	12	24	45	24
Crystal Palace	27	5	8	14	21	41	23

Division One: Birmingham 1, Queens Park Rangers 0; Bury 1, Norwich 0; Crewe 1, Nottingham Forest 4; Ipswich 3, Charlton 1; Manchester City 0, Oxford United 2; Reading 0, Port Vale 3; Stoke 1, Huddersfield 2; Sunderland 4, Stockport 1; Swindon 0, Portsmouth 1; West Bromwich Albion 1, Bradford 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nottingham Forest	36	21	8	7	60	33	71
Sunderland	35	20	8	7	66	37	68
Middlesbrough	35	20	8	7	55	36	68
Charlton	36	18	8	10	63	46	62
Ipswich	36	15	13	8	59	38	58
Sheffield United	34	15	13	6	50	37	58
Birmingham	36	15	12	9	49	38	57
Stockport	37	16	6	15	60	53	54
Wolves	34	15	7	12	44	36	52
West Brom	37	14	9	14	36	42	51
Bradford	37	12	13	12	38	39	49
Crewe	37	14	5	18	45	53	47
Swindon	36	13	7	16	36	51	46
Oxford United	36	12	8	16	45	50	44
Norwich	37	11	11	15	36	56	44
QPR	37	10	13	14	42	51	43
Bury	37	8	18	11	35	43	42
Portsmouth	36	11	7	18	40	51	40
Tranmere	35	10	10	15	37	42	40
Manchester City	37	10	9	18	41	44	39
Huddersfield	37	10	9	18	39	57	39
Reading	36	10	9	17	36	59	39
Port Vale	37	10	8	19	42	53	38
Stoke	37	8	13	16	35	52	37

Division Two: Blackpool 1, Watford 1; Brentford 3, Bournemouth 2; Bristol Rovers 0, Northampton 2; Chesterfield 0, Fulham 2; Luton 0, Wycombe 0; Millwall 1, Gillingham 0; Plymouth 2, Preston 0; Southend 0, Grimsby 1; Walsall 0, Burnley 0; Wrexham 2, Carlisle 2; York 2, Wigan 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	36	20	11	5	53	30	71
Bristol City	36	20	9	7	58	29	69
Grimsby	34	16	10	8	45	27	58
Northampton	37	15	13	9	42	30	58
Fulham	36	16	9	11	46	32	57
Gillingham	36	15	9	12	44	42	54
Wrexham	35	14	12	9	44	42	54
Bristol Rovers	36	15	8	13	53	53	53
Bournemouth	36	13	11	12	46	41	50
Oldham	35	12	13	10	48	40	49
Chesterfield	37	11	15	11	34	35	48
Blackpool	36	13	8	15	46	53	47
York	36	11	14	11	42	45	47
Wycombe	37	11	14	12	41	46	47
Millwall	35	12	9	14	36	42	45
Walsall	34	11	10	13	35	38	43
Preston	36	11	9	16	40	43	42
Carlisle	36	11	8	17	48	53	41
Wigan	34	11	8	15	48	53	41
Plymouth	36	9	12	15	44	54	39
Luton	36	9	12	15	40	51	39
Brentford	37	8	14	15	39	58	38
Burnley	35	8	11	16	40	48	35
Southend	36	9	7	20	36	63	34

Division Three: Brighton 0, Hartlepool 0; Hull 1, Darlington 1; Leyton Orient 1, Lincoln City 0; Macclesfield 0, Rotherham 0; Mansfield 1, Shrewsbury 1; Notts County 2, Barnet 0; Peterborough 1, Exeter 1; Rochdale 1, Chester 1; Scunthorpe 1, Colchester 0; Torquay 0, Cambridge United 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts County	37	24	9	4	66	35	81
Torquay	37	19	8	10	59	46	65
Macclesfield	37	17	12	8	49	33	63
Barnet	37	17	10	10	52	40	61
Scarborough	36	16	9	11	58	50	57
Peterborough	37	15	12	10	56	37	57
Rotherham	37	14	14	9	53	47	56
Leyton Orient	36	15	10	11	48	33	55
Lincoln City	36	14	13	9	42	42	55
Colchester	37	15	9	13	55	51	54
Chester	37	15	9	13	51	44	54
Scunthorpe	36	14	9	13	44	45	51
Exeter	37	12	14	11	53	49	50
Mansfield	37	12	12	13	48	44	48
Hardepool	37	10	18	9	46	40	48
Darlington	36	12	10	14	47	57	46
Cambridge United	37	10	15	12	48	47	45
Shrewsbury	35	11	11	13	45	48	44
Rochdale	37	12	5	20	39	45	41
Cardiff	36	7	20	9	37	39	41
Swansea	36	11	7	18	39	50	40
Hull	37	8	6	23	45	69	30
Brighton	37	5	13	19	29	52	28
Doncaster	36	3	7	26	22	88	16

Scottish Cup quarterfinals: Falkirk 3, St. Johnstone 0; Hearts 4, Ayr 1.
Premier Division: Dunfermline 2, Motherwell 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	27	18	4	5	53	18	58
Hearts	27	17	5	5	61	36	56
Rangers	27	15	9	3	60	38	54
Kilmarnock	27	9	8	10	29	45	35
St Johnstone	27	9	6	12	28	34	33
Dundee United	27	7	10	10	37	40	31
Aberdeen	27	7	8	12	29	42	29
Dunfermline	27	7	8	12	31	52	29
Motherwell	27	7	5	15	34	48	26
Hibernian	27	4	7	16	30	49	19

Rugby clubs back boycott of England summer tour

LONDON (AP) – England's top-flight rugby union clubs on Friday declared their opposition to England's summer tour of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

Representatives of the 12 Premiership One clubs supported the stance of Northampton owner Keith Barwell, who has banned his players from touring.

The other 11 owners said they intend to consult with their players immediately and inform them they will not support their involvement in the tour.

In addition, they said England coach Clive Woodward should withdraw what they described as his "unnecessary and provocative ultimatum" to the players.

Last week, Woodward insisted the players should make a commitment by next Monday or not be chosen for the remaining Five Nations Championship games this season.

In a prepared statement following more than three hours of discussion, the English First Division Rugby board said it fully supported Northampton's view that international players should take a two-month break from rugby this summer.

"This tour is one too many. It is a punishing schedule of four internationals being played in three time zones after a very gruelling season," said EFDR chief executive Doug Ash.

Rain holds up Pakistan

PORT ELIZABETH (AP) — Rain washed out play on the second day of the third Test between Saoutha Africa and Pakistan yesterday.

On Friday, Waqar Younis took five for 64 and spearheded Pakistan's attack as South Africa struggled to 267 for seven at stumps.

Younis, the fastest bowler, took four of his wickets in the first session before skipper Hansie Cronje came to his side's rescue with day-best 85.

Cronje, who provided the backbone of the South African recovery from a precariously placed 122 for five, was Younis' fifth victim. He was trapped leg before wicket by a delivery that stayed low.

Cronje and Mark Boucher, 27 not out, put on a 57-run seventh-wicket stand when the visitors decided to take the second new ball in the 84th over.

Younis struck four overs later to end Cronje's hopes of his sixth century, and Pakistan had wrested in the initiative that had swung in South Africa's favor.

India-Australia

In Madras yesterday, spinners Anil Kumble, Rajesh Chauhan and Venkatapathy Raju gave India the edge in the first Test against Australia.

Australia struggled to 193 for seven – six of their wickets falling to spin – in reply to India's first innings 257 at the close of the second day.

The touring team let slip the initiative gained by their bowlers in the morning session when India lost their last five wickets for just 10 runs.

Australia were indebted to Mark Waugh for keeping them in with a chance of matching India's total.

He played a stylish but responsible innings of 66 during which he became the 11th Australian batsman to pass 5,000 runs in Tests.

He eventually fell to a tossed up delivery from left-arm spinner Raju, caught at silly-point off a leading edge while trying to play against the turn.